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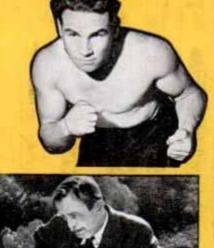
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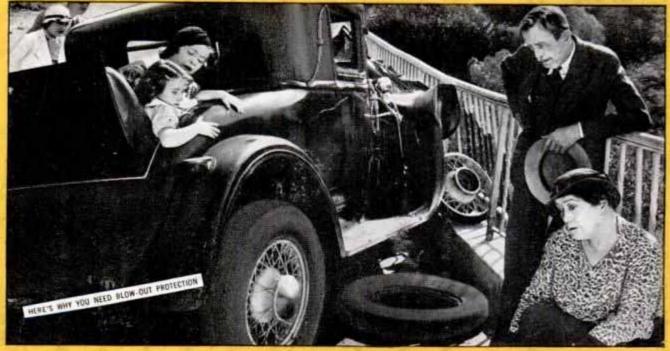
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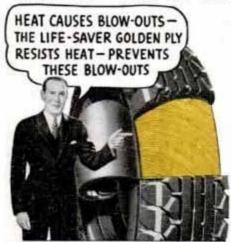
"I'd Rather Fight Any Man Alive Than Have Another Blow-out

Says JIMMY MCLARNIN POPULAR WELTERWEIGHT





New Tire Invention is a Life Saver!



DON'T MISS THIS RADIO TREAT Circus Night in Silvertown starring JOE COOK with B. A. Rolfe and others Every Friday Night N.B.C. Blue Network

Washington, when my left front tire blew out," says JIMMY McLARNIN. "My car hurtled across the highway and plunged off the road. If anything had been coming the other way, you could have counted me out. A punch may knock you out, sure - but it takes only one blow-out to finish you off. So now I'm playing safe-I have Goodrich Silvertowns on all four wheels."

Today's faster driving generates terrific heat inside a tire. Fabric and rubber separate. A blister starts and keeps growing-until sooner or later, BANG! A blow-out! And it takes plenty of luck to save you. To prevent this great, unseen cause of high-speed blow-outs, every Silvertown has the Life-Saver Golden Ply with a secret Goodrich compound which resists heat-stops high-speed blow-outs before they start.

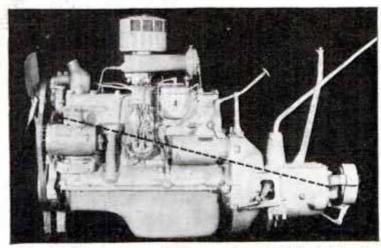
Another Safety Feature

Goodrich Silvertowns also have an extra-thick, huskycleated tread that gives you maximum protection against dangerous "tail-spin" skids. If you want the utmost in tire safety and tire mileage-equip your car with Goodrich Silvertowns. Silvertowns cost not a penny more than other standard tires.

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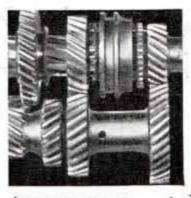
HOW MODERN ENGINEERING MAKES MOTORING MORE FUN



FLOATING POWER engine mountings hold the engine in perfect balance yet permit it to "rock" so that vibration is dissipated. There is no other way to keep engine vibration away from driver and passengers.



JUST TOUCH THE PEDAL ... air-cooled clutch needs 30% less pedal-pressure. Hydraulic brakes need only a touch for safe stopping.



ALL SPEEDS QUIET—costly helical gears for every speed. Syncro-silent transmission...shifting is easy and noiseless at any speed.

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With a worm-and-roller type steering gear, and three anti-friction roller bearings, a slight wrist motion controls the wheel. Cross-steering keeps the wheel free from "road shock."

The clutch is ingeniously air-cooled. Facings have longer life. The pedal requires 30% less pressure! Genuine hydraulic brakes, of course, need only a touch to stop you quickly, without swerving.

A synchronizing device brings gears to the same rotating speed. You can shift quietly at any driving speed. Helical gears throughout keep the gears quiet.

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many as in Europe.

It takes 275,000 trained people to build and operate the switchboards, wires, cables, and other apparatus that make this service possible. It has taken the savings of 850,000 people to pay for the plant and equipment of the Bell System. Six hundred and seventy-five thousand own stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and in many instances other Bell securities. Another 175,000 own Bell System bonds or stock in the operating telephone companies.

No other business organization is so widely owned by so many people.

It is owned by the people, and it is run by wage-earning men and women. Their incentive is pride in performance; in doing a good job come recognition and promotion.

Since its beginning more than 50 years ago, the Bell System has rendered a constantly improving service more and more indispensable. Usefulness to the public is the motive that keeps the telephone business going. In the true sense of the word, this is a democracy in business.

More than half the stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the parent company in the Bell System, are women. Nobody owns as much as one per cent of the stock.



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Keeping Them in the Air

THE nation's airlines could not pile up 55,000,000 miles of flying annually without the aid of a group of earth-bound men who know nothing about flying a ship. For each pilot in the air, there are ten men on the ground engaged in keeping the transport planes flying. It is the skilled hand of the experienced engine mechanic, the watchful eye of the airplane inspector and the painstaking work of other experts which keep the ships in the air. In an airplane "round house" at Cheyenne, Wyo., all the ships of one great airline come regularly for overhaul and inspection. An article in the July issue, illustrated with eight pages of pictures in color, describes the work of a crew of 500 experts at this big air base on the roof of the continent.

Next Month

THE man had an armload of expensive rods, reels, lines and lures. The boy had a cane pole, some string and a few hooks. The man came back empty-handed, the boy returned with a nice catch. The boy knew where to look for fish; the man didn't. Next month Bob Becker gives you some tips on where to find the big ones.

Tuning Up a Winner

TWO dare-devils ride each car in an Indianapolis race, but they rely on their pit crew to win the race. The pit men loaf most of the time but work with almost superhuman speed when their car develops trouble. The pit mechanics also labor for weeks preceding the race tuning up the car they service on race day. An article next month describes how races have been won in the pits.

Dust Solves Crime

COMMON dust today is supplying the clues to catch and convict criminals. From the "empty"
pockets of your coat the dust detective extracts hairs, cloth fibers,
seeds and other microscopic debris. Each substance, when identified, may reveal to this scientific
crime investigator something
about your habits, occupation and
environment. A story next month
tells how this modern Sherlock
Holmes solves crimes by studying
microscopic evidence.

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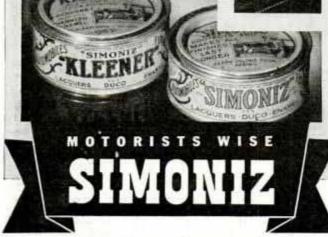
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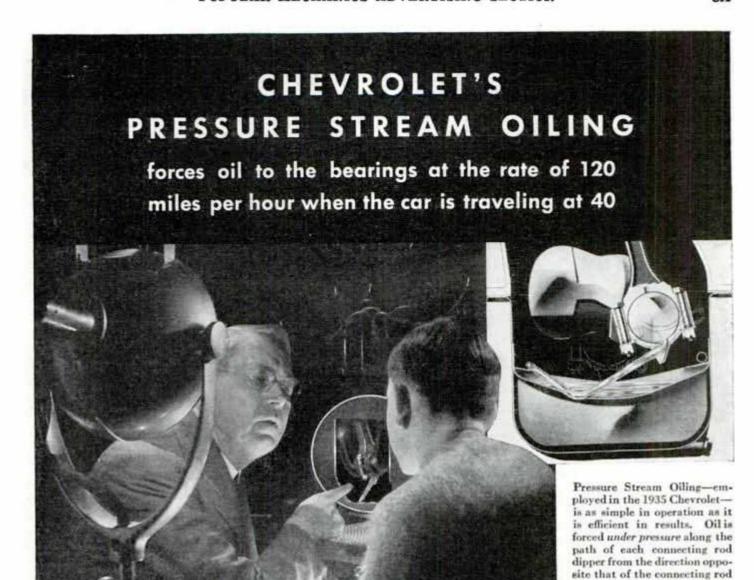
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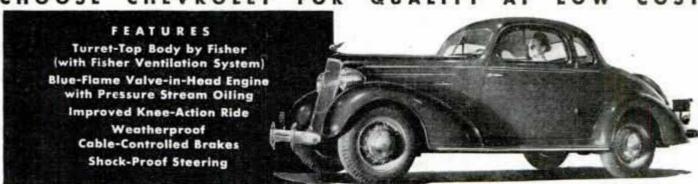
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As nail is withdrawn note how gum clings to nail, sealing tube on outside.



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went to work as a railroad clerk twenty years ago. A year passed—then another—and another—and, to his

horror-he gradually realized that he was caught in a rut, with his best years almost gone. Perhaps you know

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thorough as any resident course.'

"I'd do almost anything for money"? And did you really mean what you said -are you ready to back word with action?

If so-read on. If not-turn the page.

F you want something out of life, you've got to pay for it-in one way or another.

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be able to do more.

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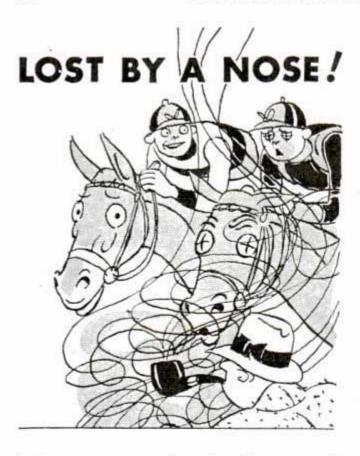
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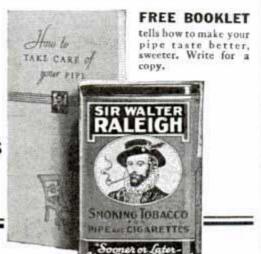
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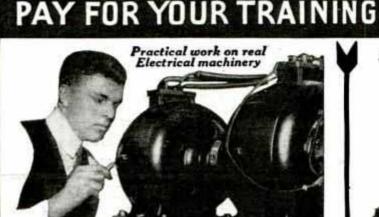
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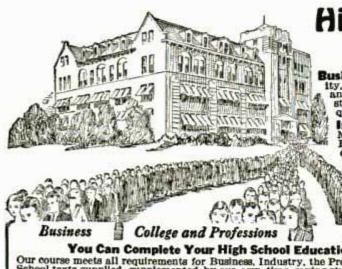
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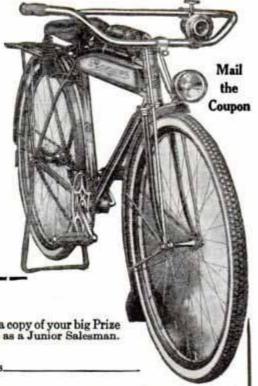
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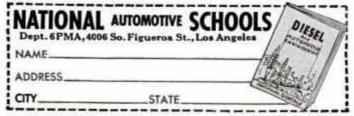
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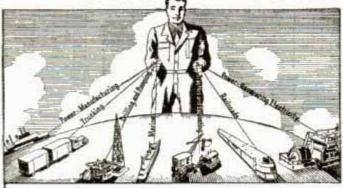
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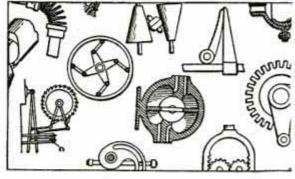
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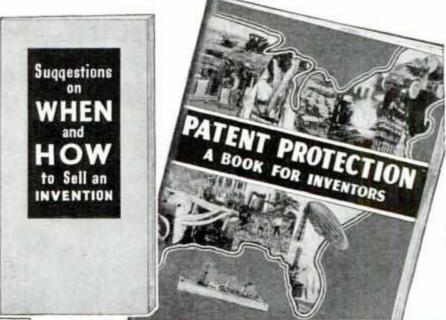
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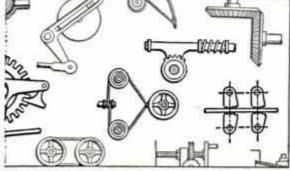
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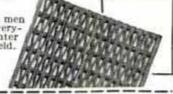
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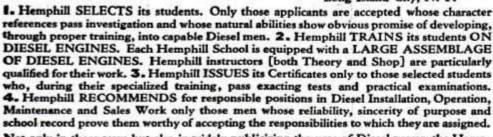
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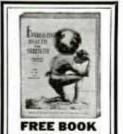
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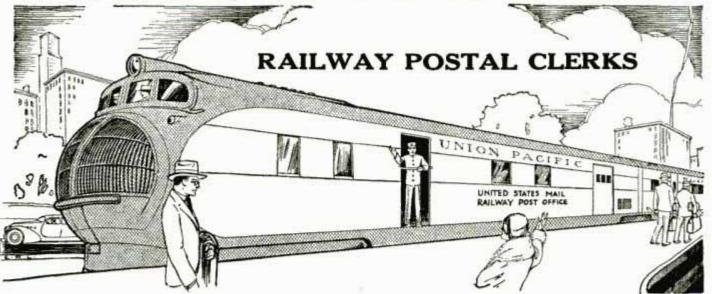


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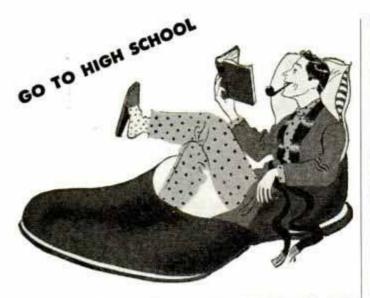
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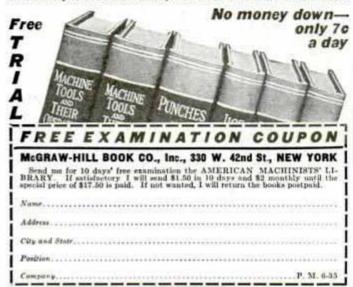
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TREES Tell the TRUTH



In the United States forest products laboratory at the University of Wisconsin, at Madison, government technologists solve crimes and perplexing legal tangles by analyzing tree-ring markings and making microscopic studies of the grains of countless woods.

These men, who view a tree not merely as wood to be used for commercial purposes, but as a complex structure of cellulose, lignin, starches, gums, sugar, tannin and coloring materials, repeatedly outdo the exploits of fictional sleuths by their accomplishments in the field of wood identification.

This was demonstrated at the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted of murdering the Lindbergh baby, when Arthur Koehler, expert of the laboratory, not only traced the Ponderosa pine in the kidnap ladder from South Carolina to the Bronx, but offered evidence to show that one of the uprights of the ladder was made of a plank taken from a floor in the attic of the defendant's home. Through Koehler's, testimony, the public became

Forest Officer Making Cast of Incendiary Footprints in a California National Forest and, Below, Wood Moisture Balance Developed by the Forest Products Laboratory to Show Equilibrium Moisture Content of Wood in Lumber Storage Sheds

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acquainted with the crime detection value of wood identification. The field is not a new one, however.

There is the case of the Wisconsin bomb maker, intent upon killing a drainage commissioner, who reckoned without the wood technologists of the forest products laboratory. He left the bomb, packed in a white elm box, in his intended victim's mail box, and there the commissioner's wife found it. It was shortly before Christmas and, believing it was a present, she opened it. The bomb exploded, killing her.

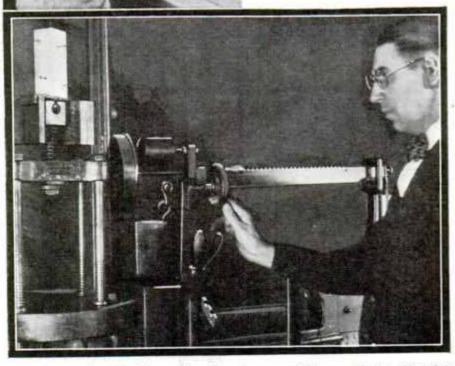
The slayer, who was a carpenter, was suspected, but there appeared to be no proof. The bomb's container had been blown into splinters, and the police saw no clues in them. Not so the wood experts. They made careful microscopic studies of the cellular structure of the fragments of the box. Then they visited the suspect's workshop. It had been carefully swept out. The usual litter of shavings was gone from

the floor, but tucked away back of the workbench, the wood technologists found a single shaving. That shaving brought about the carpenter's conviction. Not only was it of white elm, but the microscope revealed that its cellular structure was identical with that of the box fragments.

In another case, shreds adhering to the tip of an auger saved an innocent man from conviction on a burglary charge. The wood experts proved that the shreds were not of the same kind of wood as a door which had been drilled by the burglar.

The tools of the sleuths in crime detection laboratories—the binocular microscope, calipers, powerful lights, widefield magnifying glasses—are also the tools of the experts in wood identification. But they also have numerous devices of their

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Top, Instrument for Measuring Tree Increment Cores; Center, Hanging Coated Wood Panels in Humidity Chamber to Test Moisture Resistance; Below, Testing Nail-Holding Capacity of Specimen

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Arnold's Flagship Raised on Old Tar Drums

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How Sunken Hulk
Was Raised by
Pumping Air into
Old Tar Barrels;
Circle, the "Royal
Savage" as It Appeared Before Being Captured and
Burned



dress, several lengths of air hose and a hand-operated compressor. Lacking surface salvage facilities, the captain towed to the scene twenty empty tar drums that had been discarded. One by one, the drums were filled with water and guided into place, one row on each side of the wreck. The next job was to fill the drums with air, but Capt. Hagglund's compressor would not supply enough air for his diving dress and the cylinders at the same time. So, he had to go underwater with spare hose, insert the lower end of the line in the open bunghole of a drum and return to the surface. Then the upper end of the hose was

connected to the air pump, replacing the diver's air line. Air was then forced into the tank until all water was displaced. When bubbles began to rise from the bunghole, which was turned downward to prevent losing the air, the diver again connected his air line to the pump, went to the lake bottom and plugged the bunghole. When all the drums were filled with air, the wreck floated to the surface and was towed to shore. The timbers of the craft, all numbered properly, have been taken apart, treated with a preservative and stored for assembly later when a suitable setting has been made available.

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Small Craft with Propeller-Like Arrangement Attains Fair Speed without Motor

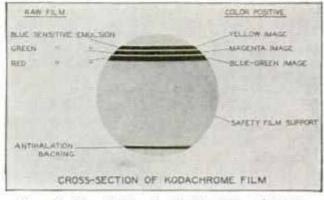
GYRO BLADES PROPEL BOAT INSTEAD OF SAILS

Rotating blades mounted on a revolving mast replace sails for propelling a boat invented by E. Burke Wilford. The blades pull the boat through the water, being moved to various positions to take advantage of the wind. The hull is a standard "star" racing craft. Made of duralumin frames with a covering of thin sheet duralumin, the blades give the boat a speed of about seven knots. No motor is used. Trial runs have been successful.

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COLORED MOVIES EASY TO MAKE WITH AID OF NEW FILM

Any amateur photographer who can take sixteen-millimeter black and white pictures can now take colored moving pictures just as easily by using a special film developed for the purpose by the Eastman Kodak company. All practical processes of color photography depend upon the division of light into three components, red, green and blue-violet. Pictures are taken by these three components and then combined by some method to give color to the finished picture. By the latest method, known as the Kodachrome process, the separation of the light into the three components is a matter of depth. The film is coated five times. Nearest the base an emulsion is coated which is red-sensitive. This is over-coated with a gelatin layer containing some dye to act as a filter. Next comes a green-sensitive emulsion, then another layer of gelatin and finally there is a top coat which is blue-sensitive. When a picture is taken on such a film, the three components are automatically separated in the depth of the coating, the red component being formed in the emulsion nearest the base, the green in the middle layer and the blue component forming the image of the top layer. To obtain a color picture it is necessary to transform each component image of the negative into a positive image consisting of a suitably colored dye. This is accomplished by a complex processing system. The images in the three layers are first developed, as with ordinary film. By a series of treatments these images then are transformed to positives formed in the dye. Finally all the silver salts are removed and the image consists of three superimposed dye pictures.



Cross-Section of Film for Making Colored Movies, Showing Layers of Color-Sensitive Emulsions aslman

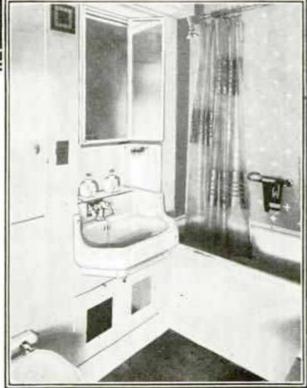
The HOUSE that
RUNS ITSELF

WITH a mechanical "heart" that runs everything necessary for comfortable living, the "packaged home" no longer is a dream. Right now, a limited number can be delivered to owners in a giant truck, unwrapped from their Cellophane covers, set up and anchored to foundations in about two weeks—real homes, solidly built and fireproofed.

Prices range from \$3,800 for a five-room bungalow to \$9,900 for a two-story house, with fifteen models available. Extra rooms can be added as needed, a feature that adapts the "motorized home" to the average American family.

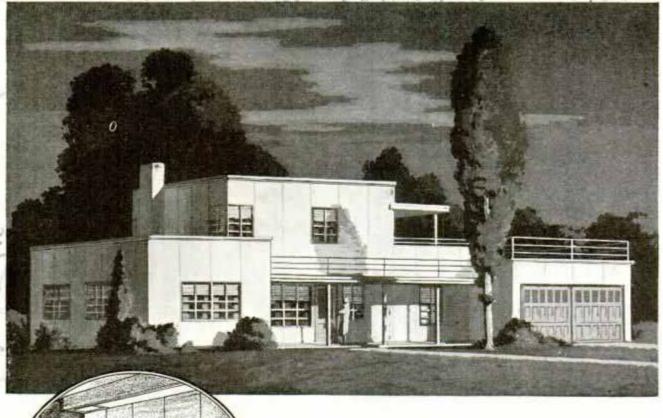
The house is a marvel of mechanical and electrical arrangement. Its motor unit, the "thing that helps run the home," contains all the plumbing, heating, cooking, lighting and air-conditioning devices. All equipment for the kitchen is located on one side of the unit, with all bathroom fixtures on the other, including a patented wash basin large enough for the baby's bath.

Dreams of only yesterday are brought to full reality by the air-conditioning apparatus. All air breathed by the occupants of the house will be filtered, washed and



The "Motohome"; Bottom, View of Bathroom; Note Basin Shaped for Baby's Bath

heated or cooled before being circulated through a duct system extending to the various rooms. All the work is done by the motor unit without the dirt of furnace operation, the expense of extra cooling equipment and the trouble of attending to separate units. Gas, oil, coal or electric heat can be used in the small but highly



efficient heating plant, thus enabling the home owner to choose the fuel best suited to his needs and to the contents of his purse.

Imagine, if you can, the delight of the woman who steps into her "ready made" house and finds the kitchen already equipped with electric refrigerator, dishwasher, sink, electric or gas stove, built-in clock, abundant cupboard space—and even a two-day supply of groceries on the shelves. And

> she never will be bothered by cooking odors because an electric exhaust quickly removes smoke, dust and fumes from the kitchen. In addition to the windows, indirect lighting gives plenty of illumination for her work in the compactly designed room.

In the bathroom, this same housewife will find bathtub complete with shower and anti-splash curtain, the large basin that also may serve as the baby's bathtub, triple adjustable mirrors for her husband's morning shave and an extra electric heater for warming up the room quickly. The conditioned air issues from grills set into the wall near the floor and a built-in clock tells the "man of the house" just how long he has before his train or street car comes



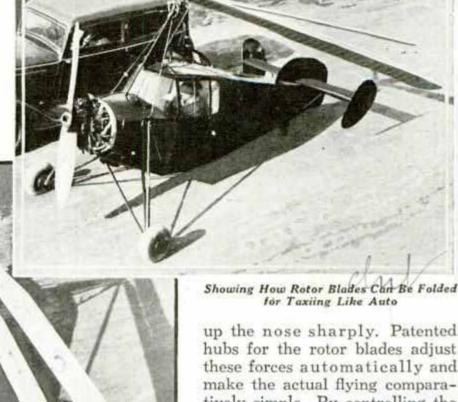
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Small Gyroplane May Bring Flying for All

Undergoing tests by the U. S. Bureau of Air Commerce as a possible means of private flying for everybody, a small autogiro has folding rotor blades that permit taxiing like an automobile and storage in a backyard hangar. By controlling the pitch



up the nose sharply. Patented hubs for the rotor blades adjust these forces automatically and make the actual flying comparatively simple. By controlling the

rotor blade pitch within eight degrees, the plane can be made to "hug" the ground when high winds are blowing at takeoff. The gyroplane can be flown, landed

and taken off like a normal airplane. There is space in the ship's enclosed cabin for the pilot and one passenger.

of the rotor blades, the operator can "jump" the craft into the air, then start its forward flight. The takeoff is simple. With wheel brakes locked, the rotor blades are spun rapidly at 400 revolutions per minute without positive pitch. Then, as the pitch is varied for normal lifting flight, the rotor speed falls to about 220 revolutions per minute and the plane rises vertically fifteen to twenty-five feet. During this operation, only twenty horsepower is being transferred to the tractor propeller. At about twenty feet in the air, the propeller gives the craft its full flying speed. In addition to the elevator controls on the tail, the tilting of the rotor to the left makes the nose go down by gyroscopic action, while tilting the rotor to the right brings

DROPPING HOSE STOPS WATER AND PREVENTS WASTE

Water consumption can be reduced sharply by an automatic hose valve that shuts off the flow when the hose is dropped.

Picking up the hose starts water flowing again. The device fits any standard waterhose connection. It will save money at wash racks and other places where water is permitted to flow while attendants perform other duties.



Portages Easy If You Carry Cance Properly



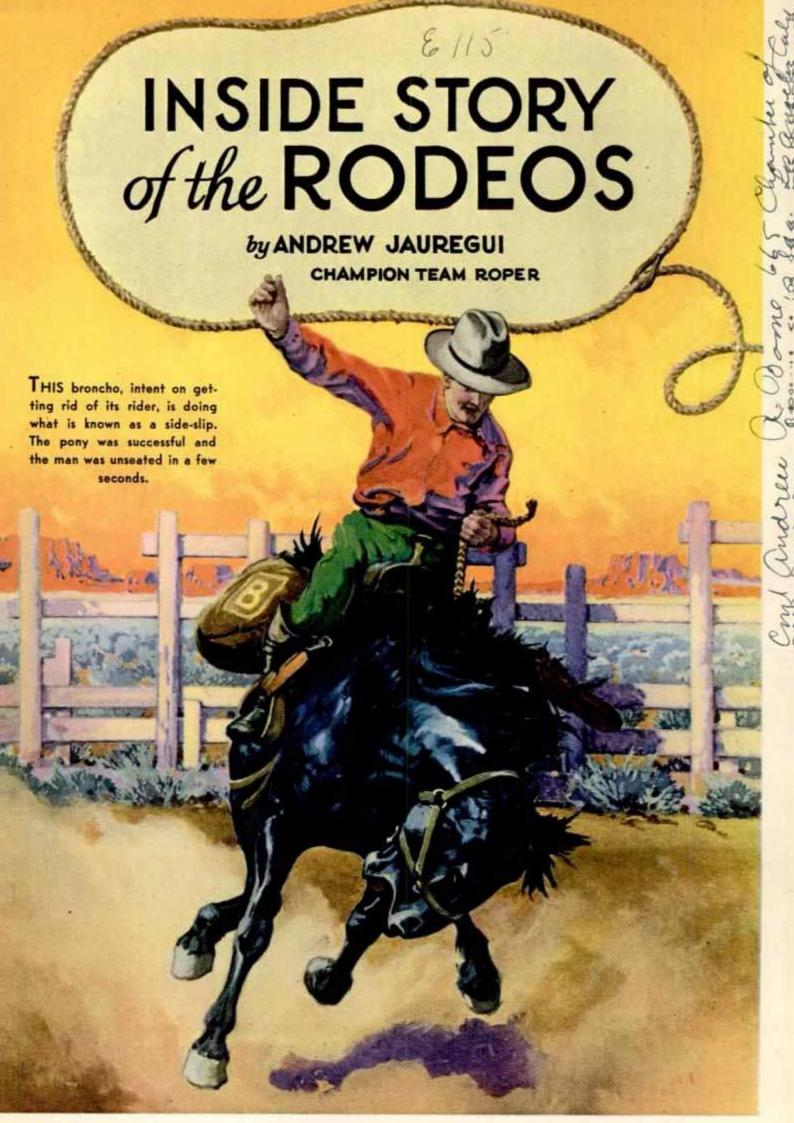
Steps in Preparing for a Portage: Top, Lashing Paddles to Center Thwarts; Second, Grasping Canoe by Center Thwarts, Preparatory to Lifting; Third, Canoe Half-Raised to Shoulders; Note Position of Hands in Relation to Paddles; the Carrier's Head Is Very Nearly in Place between the Paddles; Bottom, Set Properly on the Shoulders, with Hands Grasping Paddles, the Canoe Is Ready for a Journey to the Next Body of Water

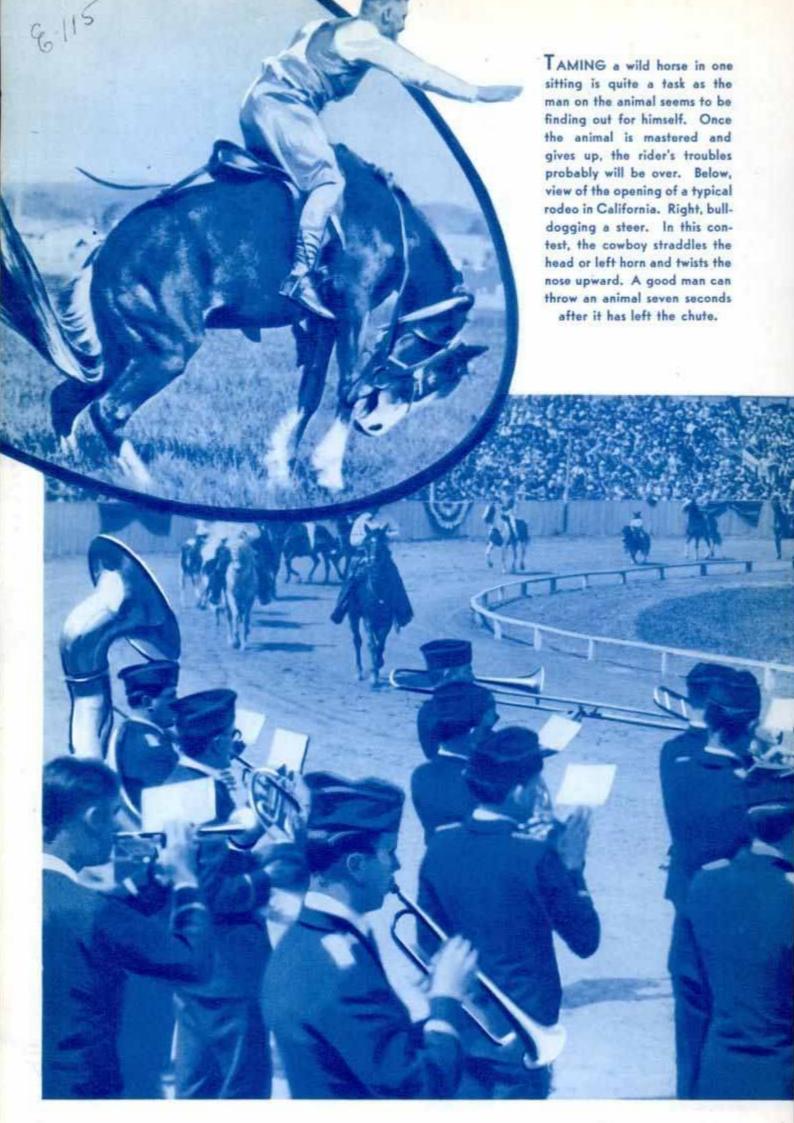
How to carry a canoe over portages is information that every camper, fisherman and hunter should know, since it will save time and trouble on both short and long journeys from one stream or lake to another. If a person is unfamiliar with the fundamentals of portage practice, he loses much time and exhausts himself unnecessarily on overland trips. The procedure is simple. First, the paddles are lashed to the thwarts to aid in carrying the canoe and to keep them from being lost. Second, the canoe is grasped by the center thwarts. Third, the canoe is swung upward and over the head to be balanced properly for the trip across land. In the final position, the canoe can be carried for miles without undue fatigue. E4/(

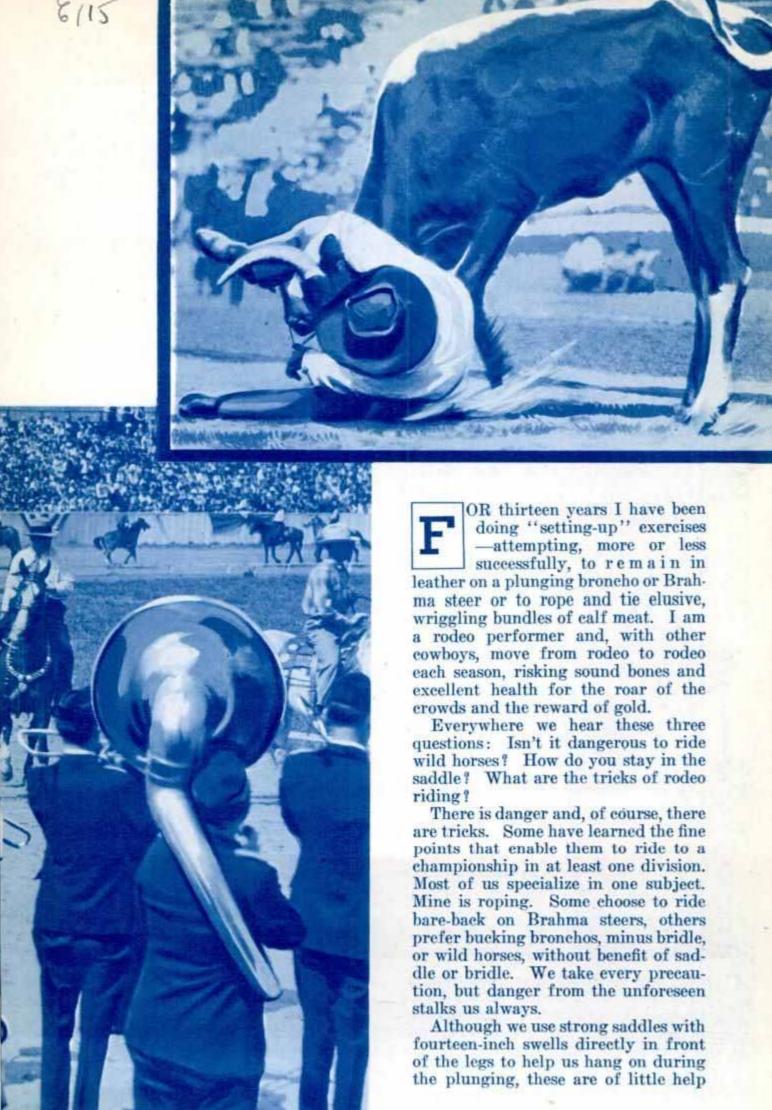
RED LIGHT WARNS PILOT IN "CONE OF SILENCE"

The "cone of silence," a dead space directly above the transmitting towers of a radio range beacon and the one indication to an airman following a radio beam and endeavoring to orient himself, that he is directly over the sending station, may now be identified in the pilot's cockpit by a red light on the instrument board as he passes through this zone. The department of commerce has announced that D. M. Stuart, radio engineer, has developed amethod of identifying this important land mark to a pilot flying blind who needs to know the whereabouts of the radio beam transmitter before he can determine the location of the airport. A high-frequency transmitter projects a vertical beam in the cone of silence area. To receive this signal the plane requires only a small receiver which is tuned constantly to one frequency and will receive the special signal from any radio beacon so equipped.

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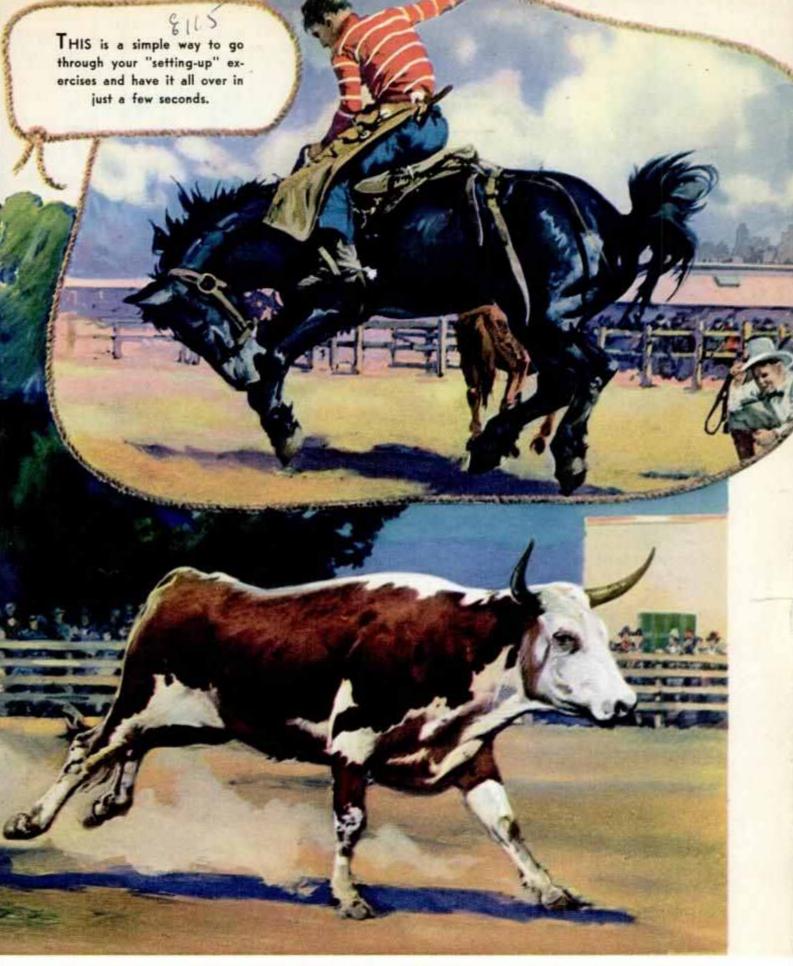




under some circumstances, such as fighting a horse in the chute. When I ride this kind, I slip into the saddle quickly and draw the bucking rein, a heavy rope leading to one side of the halter, back short. This pulls the pony's chin in close

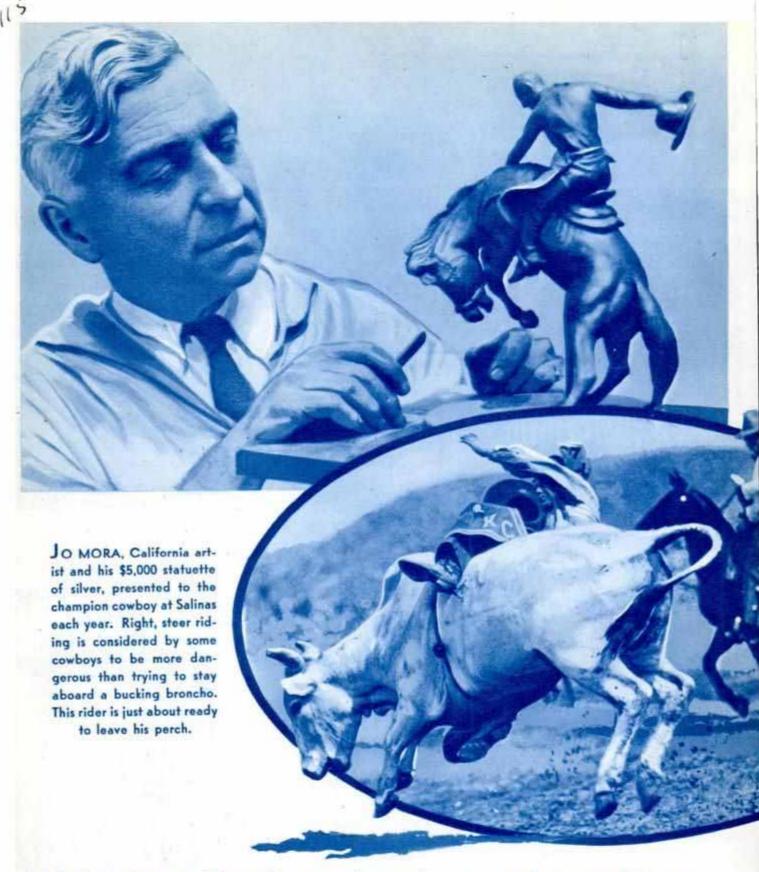
to his chest and keeps him from rearing up.

There's a very smart trick in riding these untamed animals—swaying with the horse while keeping balance by leaning back against the rope. Oddly, the



worst buckers are bronchos of several years' rodeo experience.

No matter how mean the horse or how tough the going, we must observe a few rules to the very letter. We must wave one hand in the air—to touch leather with this one is to be disqualified. We must continue scratching with our spurs. Our only safety lies in keeping a steady and tight hand on the bucking rein, keeping our balance in the saddle if possible, or pulling ourselves back as we start to

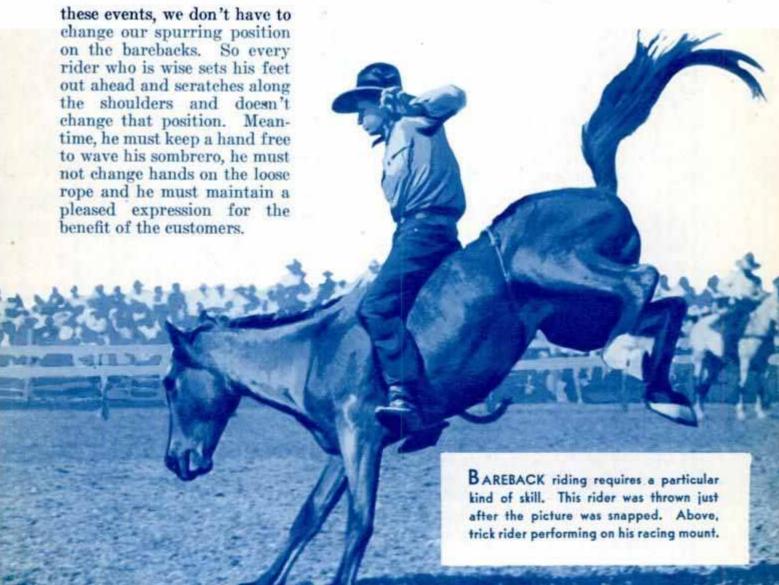


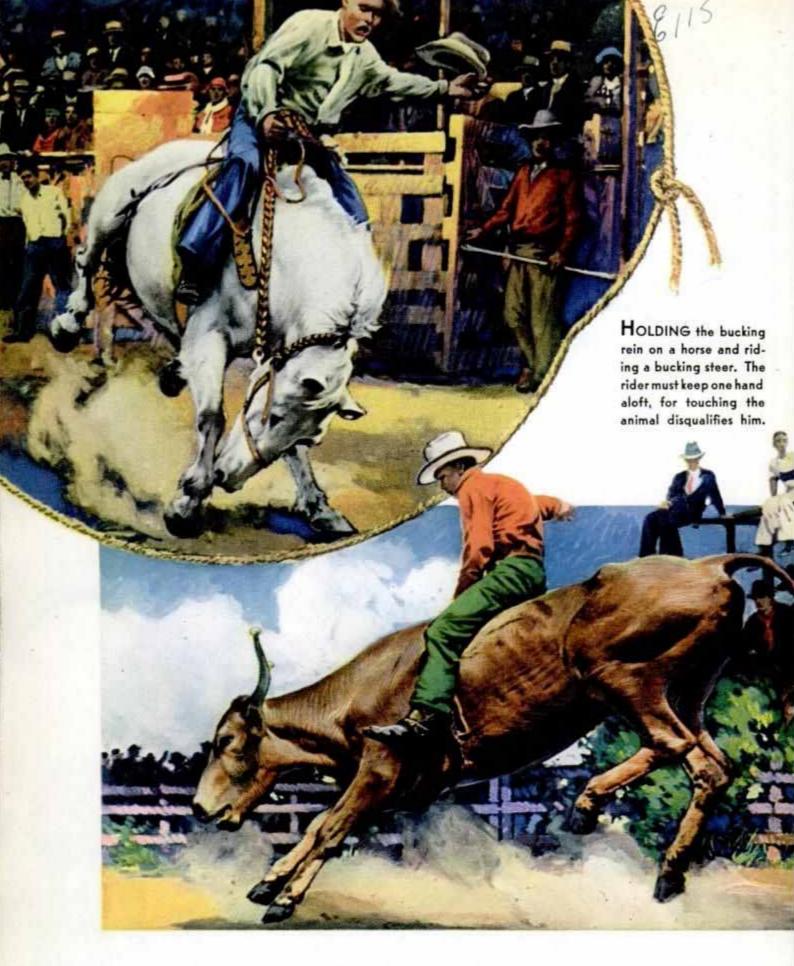
fly through space. For ten long seconds during what seem like a thousand bucks skyward and back again, we must stay aboard these heaving mountains, then slide out of the saddle as best we can. Some bronchos continue bucking after the final gun barks, while others heed the signals and calm down. Since we draw mounts by lot shortly before each event, unless we get a broncho we know by rep-

utation, we must be prepared for any-

But riding a wild horse! There's excitement. Imagine straddling a bundle of mixed thunder and lightning bareback, with no bridle, and hanging onto a rope passed around its middle as it plunges, bucks, races, storms and kicks. Thanks to the Rodeo Association of America, the organization that rules







Dangerous as are the wild bronchos, riding them is less hazardous than boarding, riding and departing from the rolling back of a cantankerous Brahma. They are a cross between India's sacred cow and the Texas Longhorn. Their

flesh rolls, their horns are sharp and they take keen delight in goring a rider once he is thrown. They give more action and are smarter in some respects than the bronchos. Although they look smaller,

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Model Homes Assembled Like Block Puzzle

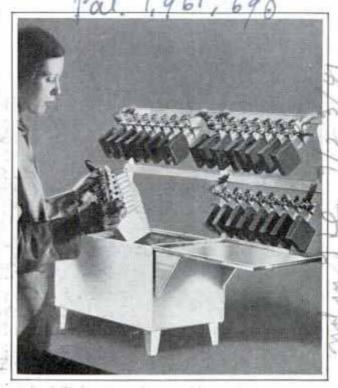
An unusual method of planning houses has been evolved by T. W. Freh, who serves the General Electric company in an advisory capacity. Dividing the home into distinct units, each designed to serve certain needs of the family, Freh has prepared a set of plans which can be combined in various ways to produce houses for families of different sizes and habits. The plan is demonstrated by miniature units which can be put together like block puz-

zles. Among the combinations possible are a one-story house with three bedrooms, a twostory house with five bedrooms and a house with the garage opening at the side or at the front. Freh's plans include a living unit, containing kitchen, dining room, living room, main hallway and service room; several bedroom units for large or small families, and basements extending under all of the house or only part.



Model House Put Together in Units, with the Roof Being Lowered into Place; the Model Demonstrates a New Idea in Building Practice

Ice-Cream Bars Are Made Easily with Dipping Outfit



Preparing to Dip Ice Cream Bars in Chocolate

Less expensive than some other equipment on the market, a new ice-cream bar maker has several desirable features. One is a spreader that holds the bars, with the flat, wooden sticks inserted, in position for dipping in chocolate or similar coating mixture. After dipping, the bars are hung on a rack to dry, the spreader and dipping apparatus being arranged for this purpose. The dipping tank has a 110-volt heater for keeping the chocolate at the proper temperature. A cutting guide with a chilled base to prevent the ice cream from melting, assures that each bar will be the same size. Standard ice-cream bricks are used in the equipment. The small size outfit is designed to produce between forty-five and sixty dozen bars per hour, while the large size makes 125 to 150 dozen per hour.

More than fifty million radio receiving sets are in use throughout the world.

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It Takes Nerve to Wash Skyscraper Windows



Window Washers at Work Near the Top of a Lofty Skyscraper; Note Safety Belts Attached to Lugs in Sides of Windows

Rail Cars for Camping

R AILWAY coaches fully equipped for camping are to be made available to the British public at a relatively small charge to increase passenger traffic. The sites for the "camping" coaches will be selected with regard to scenic and other advantages. The rental is about \$20 a week. The only additional charge is the minimum number of four "monthly return" tickets to the site where the coaches are located. The cars are old equipment, refitted for the purpose.

It takes more than a cake of soap, a bucket, one wet cloth and one dry one to make a window washer. It also takes nerve. Seven or eight floors is not so very far up when you are standing inside a window, but when you are standing outside it's a long way down. But, as far as results are concerned. an accident outside a third floor window is likely to be just as disastrous to the window cleaner as one outside a thirty-third floor window. So he takes the same precautions on the mezzanine floor that he takes when working near the tower at the top. He wears a stout safety belt which is attached to lugs embedded in the building itself, and the first rule of safety he learns is to be sure the belt is attached to the lugs before stepping out on a ledge. He also tests the lugs, but sometimes one which appears safe will snap off or pull out, leaving the window cleaner dangling by his safety belt and the remaining lug. Unless help is at hand, the man in such a predicament must know how

to pull himself to safety by grasping the sill and inching his way up the wall. After such an experience, the window washer usually takes the rest of the day off, but is back on the job again next morning ready to wash more windows.

CRASHES OF "SLEEPY DRIVERS" CAUSED BY EXHAUST GAS

Many accidents resulting from drowsiness at the wheel are caused by carbon monoxide mixed with air breathed by the automobile driver. F. M. VanDeventer, of Cities Service, company, has found that three parts of carbon monoxide, or exhaust gas, in 10,000 parts of air will cause thirtyper-cent blood saturation if the mixture is

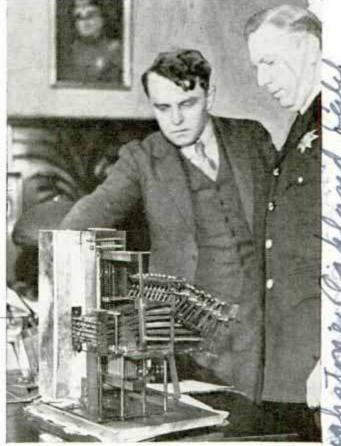
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breathed for an hour. Tests of closed cars after accidents reveal that in most cases, the proportion of carbon monoxide is far above the danger point, sometimes as much as forty parts in 10,000 of air. Fifteen parts in 10,000 of air, if breathed for an hour, will cause death. Drivers may lessen the danger by making certain that combustion is as near perfect as possible and by sealing car bodies against the gas.

FOLDING TENT ON TOP OF CAR HELPS AUTO CAMPERS

Motorists who take to the open road with a camping outfit will be interested in the arrangement for carrying such equipment devised by a California physician. He has made a stout frame which extends above the top of the car and which encloses a space large enough for a collapsible camping outfit. A canvas cover which also can be used as a tent protects the equipment when on the road.



Demonstrating Machine That Signals When Number to Be "Remembered" Appears

"MEMORY MACHINE" KEEPS TAB ON NUMBERS FOR POLICE

Once "told" to remember, a new machine gives a "reply" in less than two seconds, helping police to keep tab on automobile license-plate numbers, serial figures on money and fingerprints. To use it, the operator punches out a pattern containing the number which is to be "remembered"

by the machine. Then, if the number is that appearing on the license plate of an automobile, an officer stationed at any location desired manipulates the eight rows of keys. The license number of each car passing is recorded. When the automobile for which the police are hunting appears, and its license number is registered, the machine rings a bell and flashes a lamp. In fingerprint work, the device compares suspects' fingerprints with

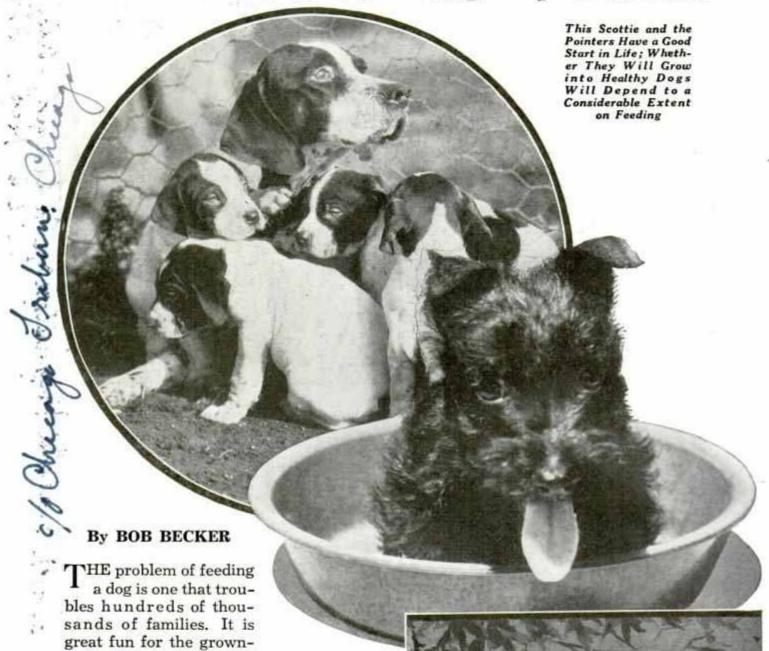


Camping Outfit for the Motorist Which Includes a Folding Tent, Carried every print on file.

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How to FEED



ups and the children to go to a kennel, look at the little puppies that are so friendly and appealing, and finally make a selection. When it comes to feeding the furry little newcomer, however, mistaken kindness often ends in disaster for everybody.

A veterinarian who has specialized on dog nutrition states that the mistakes the average owner makes in feeding his pet are serious, because too many owners do not know how to provide the right food for a canine. Also the average owner is likely to overfeed and underexercise his pet. Then he wonders why his dog is not vigorous and healthy.

English Setter Pups Lined Up for the Dinner Gong; They Will Continue Healthy if Fed Correctly

Your DOG

Here are some common-sense tips on feeding your dog. They include the important suggestion that your dog must be trained to eat what is good for him, not just what he likes. One nationally known veterinarian has said:

"Your dog should be taught to eat what he needs, what is good for him. A dog is much like a child. Turn a youngster loose in a bakery shop and he will pick out the rich fancy foods and pastries in preference to wholesome, digestible food every time. A dog will do the same thing if you let him. No dog owner should ever allow his pet to dictate what it wants to eat. The pup should be trained to eat what is good for it."

First, let us consider the puppy's diet. Here, all too frequently, the



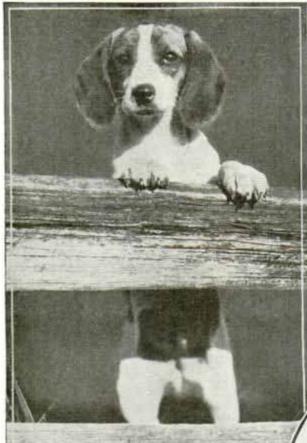


Above, the Dog, Like the Child, Should Be Fed What Is Good for It Rather Than What It Likes

puppy owner is cruel to his pet through ignorance. What foods are good for a puppy, eight or ten weeks old, that has just come from the kennel?

Here is an approved list of foods which will develop a healthy, normal pup because the list represents a balanced diet.

First comes meat. A dog must have meat. Don't let anybody tell you that raw or cooked meat makes a dog mean or savage. That's nothing short of ridiculous. In fact, it's a wonder dogs don't get savage because they are deprived of meat in so many homes! An eight or ten weeks old puppy should have raw or cooked beef,



number of valuable food elements in it besides cereal. Shredded-wheat biscuit is excellent. Cooked cereals, like cream of wheat and oatmeal, are good if well cooked. Most wise dog owners feed some dog biscuits, called dry foods, to their pets, especially brands that have a fairly high meat content in them.

We now have the approved meats and good cereals for the puppy. We still have two classes of foods which must be considered for the pup. One of these is vegetables.

Vegetables should be considered as subsidiary or supplementary food in a dog's diet. I am not suggesting that you feed the dog like a live rabbit, by throwing him a head of cabbage. That isn't the idea at

scraped or chopped fine, cooked lamb or cooked mutton, cooked or raw liver and also raw meat bones on which to chew. Cooked meat as put up in the form of canned dog food is excellent, provided the canned food is a wholesome, nourishing meat food, and not just a cheap food consisting of "filler" and almost worthless ingredients.

So don't be afraid to give that puppy plenty of meat. The dog is by inheritance a carnivorous animal, and meat is an essential part of his diet. It is true that our house dogs of today are eating

most of the foods that we eat and are therefore more nearly omnivorous than carnivorous. Nevertheless the dog likes meat and needs meat.

But meat isn't a complete food for a dog, so we supplement it with other foods in order to give the dog vitamins and minerals. Therefore we have cereals as food classification number two. Among the approved cereals for your puppy or grown dog is graham, bran or whole-wheat bread toasted. For the puppy the toast can be soaked in milk. A good dog biscuit has a



You Can't Raise a Healthy, Happy and Active Beagle or Irish Wolfhound Unless You Feed It Properly

all. A dog needs vegetables in small portions, and mixed with his other foods. From vegetables he gets food elements that are just as essential to his health as they are to ours. Among the approved vegetables are cooked mashed onions, cooked mashed spinach, cooked mashed asparagus left over from the table, carrots cooked and mashed, cabbage and tomatoes or tomato juice. If fresh cooked vegetables are not always available it is possible to supply this food to the dog by giving him vege-

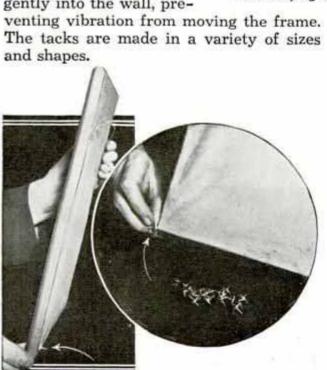
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Cross-Bred Lamb Has Both Hair and Wool

Covered with both hair and wool, a strange-looking animal has developed from the crossbreeding of a mountain sheep and a domestic ewe. The lamb has many characteristics of the mountain sheep, frequently jumping high fences or leaping to the roofs of low buildings on the Wyoming ranch of Charles Belden. It has horns about six inches long. Wool grows on part of the body and hair on the other.

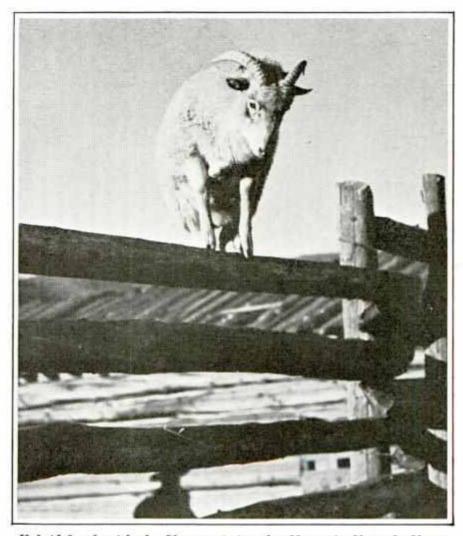
PICTURE HELD RIGID BY TACKS WITH DOUBLE POINTS,

Pictures can be kept in perfect alinement on the walls by double-pointed tacks. One point is pressed into the lower left-hand corner of the back of the frame. Then, when the picture is hung, the other point is eased gently into the wall, pre-



Two Views Demonstrating How Double-Pointed Tack

Is Used to Keep Picture Straight



Hybrid Lamb with the Characteristics of a Mountain Sheep Is Shown Here Leaping over Fence; It Has Both Hair and Wool on Its Body

Test-Tube Fireflies

THY the firefly flickers, long one of nature's secrets, has been revealed by the General Electric research laboratory, A chemical equivalent of a gigantic firefly's luminescence has been produced in tests, a cold light appearing blue-green and prolonged rather than intermittent. A mixture of Luminol and sodium hydroxide, to which water is added, is placed in the test tube. When a second mixture of potassium ferrocyanide and hydrogen peroxide is allowed to run into the tube, the luminous light appears. It costs the laboratory twenty-five dollars to produce a lumenhour of "firefly light," due to the costly chemicals involved.

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Driver Chats on Radio with Family at Home

receiver promptly at 5:30 p.m. each day that dad is away on business.

When Mr. Wallace was about twelve years old, he became interested in radio as a hobby, but it later developed into business, and is now his life work. In the world war, he became a naval radio operator and at eighteen years of age, was chief operator on the U.S.S. "George Washington," which carried President Woodrow Wilson to the Peace Conference at Versailles. He arranged the first presidential broadcast in history, President Wilson's Fourth of July address aboard ship to other vessels of the American navy. One of the most widely known amateur radio operators in the world, Mr. Wallace has talked from his home, in Long Beach,

Two-way radio equipment in his home and his automobile enables Don C. Wallace, of Long Beach, Calif., to communicate with his family while he is on business trips. Near Santa Ana he may discover that he will be late for dinner. He presses a button on the floor of his car and this signal flashes through the ether: "W6AM, W6AM mobile, W6AM."

Quickly comes the voice of his son, Bill, in the Long Beach home: "Hello, dad, where are you now? Dinner is about ready. How soon will you

be home?" Another kick on the button and "dad" replies: "I was delayed in Riverside, and am just east of Santa Ana now, making about forty-five miles an hour. I think I can reach home shortly after 6:00 p.m. How's everyone?"

"Okeh, dad, everyone's fine. We're waiting dinner for you, so step on it."

Bill is twelve years old, and is under contract with his father to be at the home



Top, Talking on Short-Wave Radio from Auto; Bottom, Son Receives His Father's Call on Radiophone Set in Home

with stations in more than one hundred countries. During Admiral Byrd's first Antarctic expedition, Mr. Wallace talked with the explorer regularly each week. Mrs. Wallace also has a government operator's license.

The government has allocated the fivemeter wave length to amateur operators exclusively, but only licensed operators are permitted to install two-way equipment.

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Small Camera for Squad Car Has Own Flash

Designed for police use in the war on crime, a small camera with flash-lamp equipment attached is handy for the squad car. Flashlight shield and bulb holder are fastened to the top of the camera. Four small batteries set off the bulb in synchronization with the shutter. The camera also can be used for taking pictures of suspects, since it can be concealed easily in the office of police commissioner or chief of detectives. A "remote control" disk, which sets off the flash light and opens the shutter simultaneously, can be hidden under a rug or near the operator's foot, making it possible to get the picture before the suspect can cover his face. With the camera concealed near a safe and the disk hidden under a rug, anyone stepping on the disk takes his own picture. Inexperienced burglars probably would be frightened away by the flash, but not until the camera had made its record for the police.



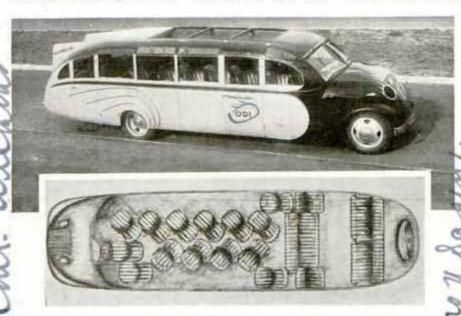
Preparing the Camera with Its Flash; Inset, Hiding the Disk That Would Make Burglar Take His Own Picture

"Herringbone" Seating for Bus Gives More Visibility

Improved visibility for each passenger is one feature of the latest German-built motor coach with accommodations for twenty-three persons. The seats are set in a herringbone arrangement instead of side by side and are placed low to bring the passenger's eye on a level with the lower half of the window. At the rear of

> the bus are two fulllength seats, running transversely and facing each other. All of the seats are attached directly to the frame, with a gangway or walkway sunk on each side. The body proper is simply a shell set around the seats and attached to the frame. Rated at seventy-five miles per hour, the vehicle has two tail fins designed to reduce air vibrations at high speed, thus increasing speed. Duralumin is used in the construction of the bus.

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Latest Style Bus Attains High Speed; Note the "Herringbone" Seating That Is Used to Increase Visibility for All Passengers

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The Giant French Liner, "Normandie," as It Would Look if Placed Beside the Capitol in Washington; Its 1,029 Feet of Length Far Exceeds the 751 Feet of This Famous Building

THE 79,280-ton "Normandie," a ship that dares comparison, is about ready for the supreme test of a transatlantic crossing.

Described as the largest moving unit ever built by man, the vessel sets a standard difficult to equal. Her plan and decoration reach a high-water mark in maritime history. No such ultra-modern interiors have ever been seen on an ocean vessel. The outside strikes a complete harmony with the inside. Her low rakish hull rides gracefully on the water, while her clipper bow and streamline funnels give her all the earmarks of the greyhound.

All the usual comparisons seem vain. Her power plant alone would supply electricity for a city of 300,000.

Almost any view of the ship commands admiration. Her decks are unusually free and clear of ventilators, chains, and other gear. She can toss smashing waves off her "whaleback" bow. With immense power in reserve, the "Normandie" may establish a ninety-six-hour schedule across the Atlantic, leaving and arriving with the min-

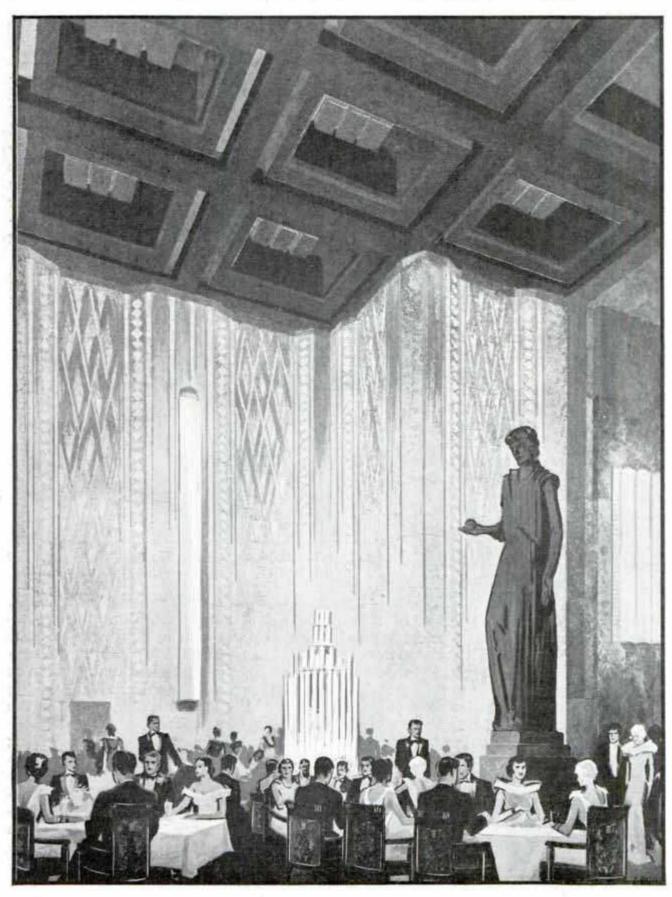
ute hand of a watch. Winds, tides, shoals, gales, and heavy seas—nothing is likely to keep her from appointed schedules.

Next to her size, the most startling thing about the "Normandie" is her interior design and decoration. In addition to lighting and color harmony, the combination and fabrication of materials appear fresh and new to the eye. Rare and common woods from all parts of the world; soft and cunningly woven fabrics; works of art that give atmosphere and refinement to the surroundings; furniture that is not only comfortable, but pleasant to behold—everything leads one to believe that in this ship man displays the best proof of his attainments in the last century.

Here are the figures relating to the vessel: Gross tonnage, 79,280 tons; length, 1,029 feet; beam, 119 feet and six inches; draft, thirty-six feet and seven inches; height from keel to top of navigating bridge, 128 feet; crew of 1,339; propulsive machinery, turbo-electric, generating 160,-000 horsepower; cruising speed, about thirty knots.

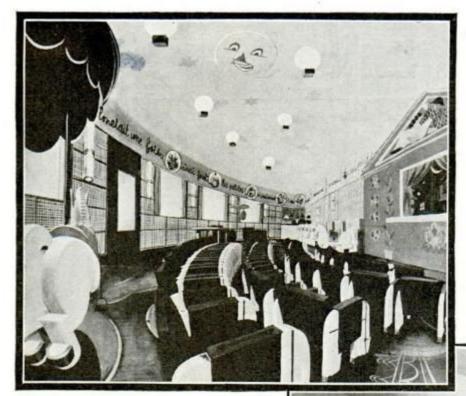
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First Class Dining Salon Which Is 300 Feet Long and Three Decks High, Making It One of the Largest Dining Rooms in the World, Either Afloat or Ashore

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seventy-five feet in width. It is unobstructed by ship gear and offers sufficient room for almost any outdoor sport.

A winter garden in the first class is 112 feet long and thirty-nine feet wide. The grand foyer is nine-ty-five feet long and three stories high and from it, elevators will carry passengers to any one of the ship's eleven decks. The theater seats 350 and can be used either for sound movies or regular plays. The swimming

If you were "stranded" for life on this floating island, there is scarcely a thing you would miss, for this ship provides food, shelter, medical care, libraries, theaters, gymnasiums, swimming pools, newspapers, radio reception, barber shop, hairdresser, tailors, art galleries, and dozens of amusements. You could purchase a complete wardrobe in the "Normandie's" shopping center. And by mingling among the widely traveled passengers, you could learn the important languages of

the world. It required the labor of thousands over a period of five years to make this ship possible. Passenger accommodations set new standards of luxury in travel. The "Normandie" boasts two suites, each with its own private deck thirty by eighteen feet, and twelve suites with private verandas. There are children's play rooms, card rooms, a shooting gallery, a massage salon, three hospitals, florist shop, photographic studio, therapeutic, electric vapor and steam baths, a garage for 100 autos, dog kennels, dog washing pool and a dog promenade.

The ship's third class is placed near the stern instead of within the narrow confines of the bow, and the sun deck is large enough to be used as an airplane landing field, measuring 300 feet in length and



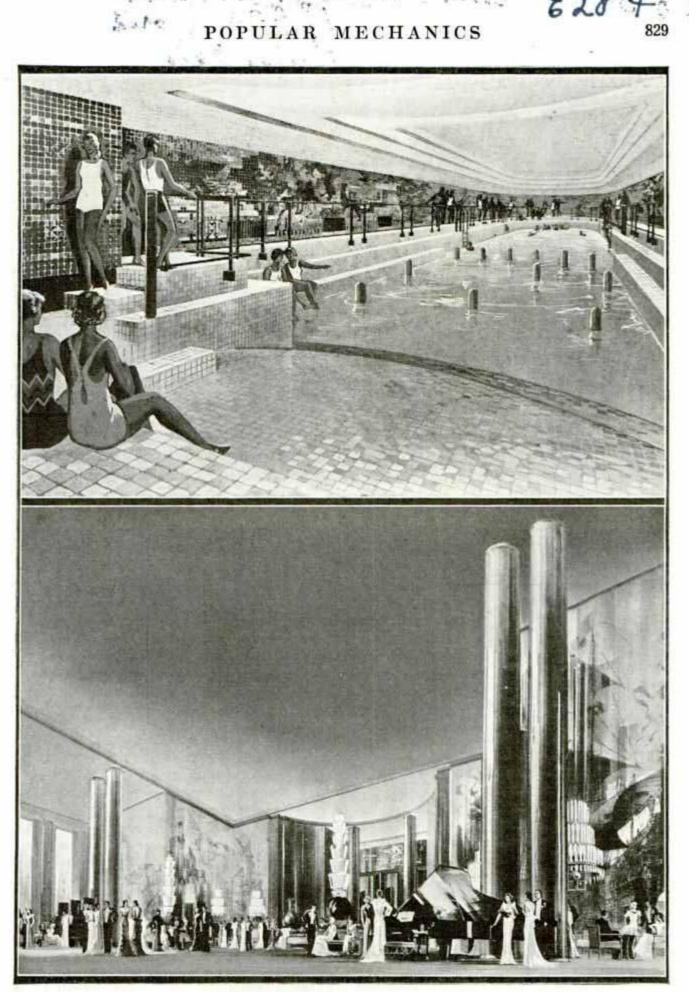
A View of the Children's Theater Aboard the "Normandie" and One of the Luxurious Passenger Staterooms

pool is 112 feet long and thirty feet wide, with a graduated depth. Diving and swimming contests can be held here without difficulty. In addition to eight private dining rooms, the first class dining salon is 300 feet long and three decks high, making it one of the largest dining rooms in the world, afloat or ashore.

With automatic alarms and fire-fighting equipment, the "Normandie" will carry a special squad of professional firemen. The security officer who commands the firemen, has nothing to do but maintain a constant vigil against fire. All walls and cabin partitions are rendered fire-resisting by a sheet of duralumin between layers of asbestos. Placed between the outside wall covering, this metal sheet and asbestos act

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The Largest Swimming Pool Afloat, 112 Feet Long and Thirty Feet Wide, with a Graduated Depth and Plenty of Room for Diving and Swimming Contests; Below, the Grand Salon of the First Class, Giving an Idea of the Colossal Proportions of the Vessel and Its Appointments; It Has a Sun Deck Big Enough for an Airplane Landing Field

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Refinery Model Carved as Profitable Hobby



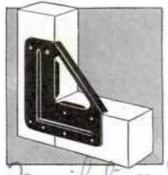
After nine months of spare-time work, Henry H. Krueger, commercial artist, has completed and sold a carved wooden miniature of one of the world's largest oil refineries. An idea of making a model for his own satisfaction came to the artist on an airplane flight over the 800-acre plant. When he sought permission to enter the grounds and take measurements, the superintendent of the refinery surprised Krueger by placing him under contract to carve the miniature for use in an advertising campaign. The model was built to scale, one inch to fifty feet, and for convenience of handling in Krueger's small home workshop, it was constructed in two sections, which, when assembled into one piece, measured ten feet long and seven feet wide. The base or foundation is composed of five-ply laminated wood, seveneighths of an inch thick. As each piece was carved in accordance with the scale, it was glued to a permanent position on the base. White pine, oak, walnut and cypress blocks were used. The carvings include: five buildings, 150 gasoline stills, thirty smokestacks, 400 tank cars and 600 tanks, 350 of the tanks for outdoor storage being shown in the open. Several hundred feet

of wire represent the network of pipe lines, while single strands of window-screen wire are used in the model as iron ladders leading from the ground to the top of storage tanks. Mirrors represent water in the refinery's spray ponds. All the objects are painted the same color as the originals. Black letters, one on each of several tanks, spell out the name of the city where the plant is located. The artist may be able to cash in on his hobby to a greater extent, since other companies have expressed interest in his work.

BRACES FOR SHAKY SCREENS

SAVE MONEY IN HOME

Strong, durable frames can be constructed easily by using steel corners. A piece



of lumber of the proper dimension is inserted in each end of the corner to be nailed in rigid position. Nail holes are punched in the corners at the factory. The bridge-truss de-

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sign of the corners assures permanency and prevents sagging and wabbling. One use is reinforcement of shaky window and door screens and porch screens. The corners are made of heavy, long terne steel, for one and one-eighth inch or seven-eighths inch lumber.

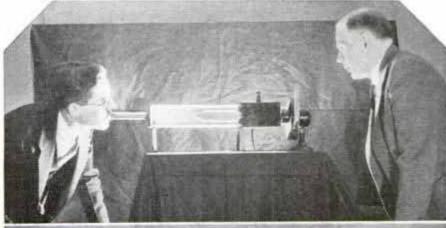
PILE OF ANTLERS A MONUMENT TO THE ELK

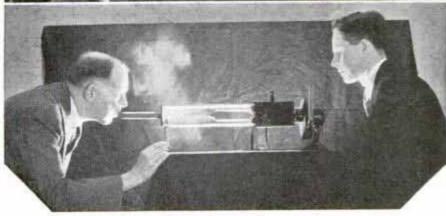
Elk antlers have been gathered and formed into an unusual monument in Yellowstone National Park. The monument, which is twelve feet high, marks the place where thousands of elk once roamed, before the large herds were wiped out by

hunters. Rangers in the park are responsible for this tribute to the departed elk,



Ranger beside Pile of Elk Anders Collected by National Park Staff





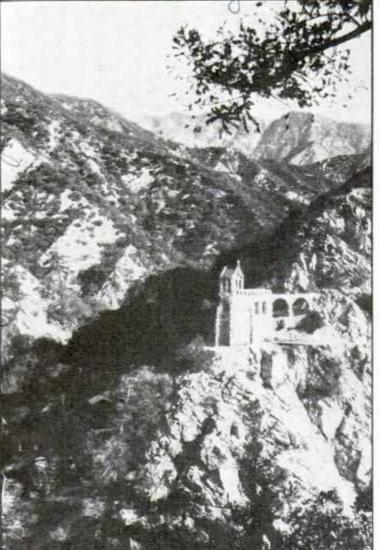
Showing How Air Cleaner Quickly Eliminates Smoke as It Is Blown into Test Apparatus; It Is Operated by Electricity

OF HARMFUL PARTICLES

Experimental models of an electrical unit to remove dust, soot, pollen and other solid and liquid particles from the air are being tested by Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company. Data are being gathered by physicians who are using similar units in treatment of patients afflicted with various types of asthma or pollen fevers. The unit is arranged to draw particle-filled air past two small wires, suspended horizontally. Connected to a power pack, which raises their voltage, these wires "charge" all air particles in their vicinity. This is called "ionizing" the air. Next, the ionized particles are drawn through a series of plates which also are charged. The plates have opposite polarity, with the result that the air particles move and cling to the plate, just as a needle jumps over to a magnet. Thus, air is made to clean itself. In addition, a film of oil covers each plate to make certain the particles stick to the plates. The air, freed of particles, then is sent into the room by a fan. The unit requires no more current than an ordinary electric lamp.

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Tiny Stone Chapel Erected in Mountains Near Pasadena, Calif.; Services Are Held in It Each Sunday

Artificial Sunshine for Apartments

ARTIFICIAL sunlight is created for apartment dwellers by installing eighteen floodlamps in the ventilating shafts, or "wells," at the ninth-floor level of a fourteen-story building in New York. These lights operate from eight to twelve hours a day. With the lights on and window shades halfway down, the similarity to sunlight is startling. Time switches prevent a sudden burst of illumination, the artificial suns requiring fifteen minutes to "rise" on the ninth-floor horizon. It is a General Electric company installation.

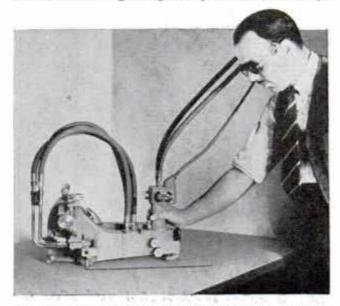
TINY CHAPEL IN MOUNTAINS ATTRACTS MANY VISITORS

Angeles national forest boasts a tiny stone chapel which stands remote and lonely in the mountains near Pasadena. It is situated high on a rocky ledge and was constructed of stone gathered near by. Many visitors are attracted to the little mountain church and services are held there each Sunday.

BLOWPIPE CUTTING OUTFIT EASILY PORTABLE

Weighing only forty-three pounds, the latest cutting machine produces high-quality work. It consists of a blowpipe mounted on an electrically driven chassis. The machine has a direct drive and runs on an angle iron track or relatively smooth plate. When operated on the track, it does straightline cutting automatically. For automatic circle cutting, a center and radius rod are used. The machine can be guided with a hand grip in cutting simple shapes. The blowpipe can be adjusted vertically, horizontally and to cut bevels up to forty-five degrees. A universal motor operating on 110 or 220-volt circuits drives the

machine, which produces work so clean that machining frequently is unnecessary.



Showing How Easily This Cutting Machine Is Operated; It Produces Clean Work

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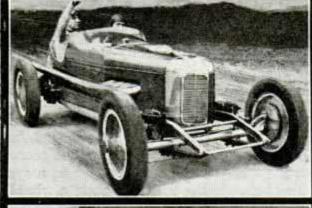
Fingerprinting All Safeguards Each Citizen



Examining Fingerprint Records in New York's Police Bureau of Identification; Classification System Speeds Up Work of Finding One Particular Set of Prints in the Large File

Fingerprints of citizens are being made by state and federal agencies at the rate of tens of thousands per month, as a result of the Department of Justice plea that every law-abiding person in the United States volunteer for the work. A complete file would contain 125,000,000 sets of fingerprints. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the federal bureau of investigation, points out that fingerprint records help authorities in making speedy identification of persons rendered unconscious in accidents, persons suffering from loss of memory and persons who die with no identifying papers or marks in their clothing. Many maternity hospitals are using this means of avoiding mistakes in identifying babies. If all employes were fingerprinted, Mr. Hoover says, it would be almost impossible for criminals to gain positions of trust. When the United States civil service began to route all applicants' fingerprints through the Department of Justice, it was found that one of every thirteen applicants had a criminal record. No means of identification is more reliable than fingerprints. The courts recognize such records. There is not one chance in 1,000,000,000,000,000,000,-000,000,000,000,000,000 (pronounced "one undecillion") that one person's fingerprints will be exactly like those of anyone else. For that reason, fingerprints are more satisfactory than a signature for documents, important papers, valuable records and certificates. Signatures can be forged, but not a fingerprint. To speed up the search for a particular set of fingerprints, a system of classifying them by certain whorls, lines and other marks has been evolved. In a recent test, the exact record of an unidentified person's fingerprints was located within three minutes in a file containing more than 1,500,000 records. The New York city police department has been collecting citizens' fingerprints for several years. Between 15,000 and 20,000 persons volunteer each month. Other cities are taking up the work. The Department of Justice in Washington is the clearing house for most fingerprints. The master criminal file contains 5,000,000 records. The civilian file will be separate. Instead of a stigma, the record will be a form of personal protection.

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"Spider" Matlock and Al Gordon, Driver; Mechanic Signaling to Pass, and Working Fuel Pump

By "SPIDER" MATLOCK

Famous Riding Mechanic

I'M the passenger who rides beside the driver of a race car, holding down a job that plays a big part in winning races. I've been taken for lots of rides on the race track but I don't know yet whether there's a thrill in going 125 miles an hour, because usually I've been too busy to look at the scenery.

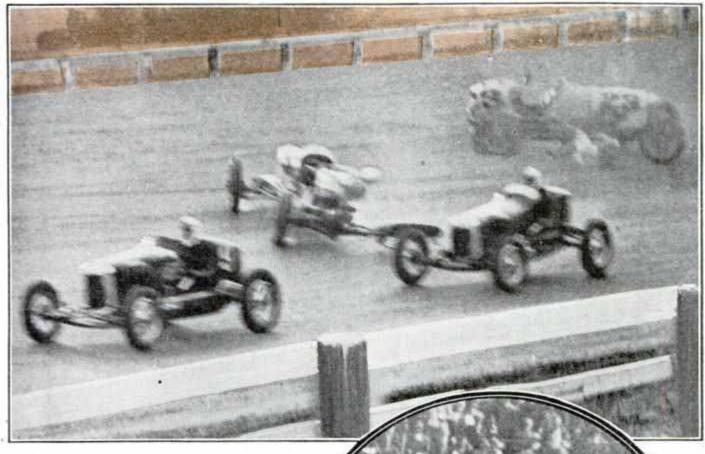
I know, though, that the mechanic's seat is too hot for some. One chap became frightened when the car went into a turn pretty fast. He reached over and snapped off the ignition switch, right in the middle of a lot of traffic that was going better than 100 miles an hour. Another fainted from fright during an Indianapolis race and the driver in desperation pushed him down on the floor boards so he could reach over and keep the fuel pump going himself until he pulled into the pits.

A few years ago at Indianapolis a mechanic looked back and saw a car coming toward him in a skid. That was too much

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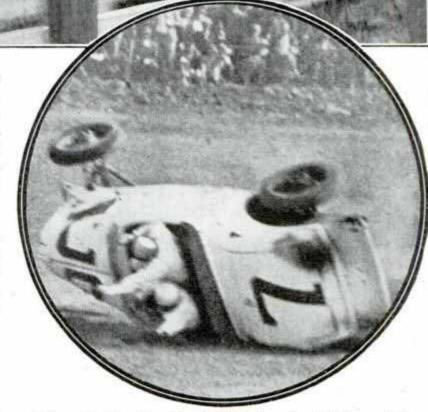
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for him and he wrapped his arms around the driver's neck. The car crashed through the concrete retaining wall, but even then it was still rolling and the driver had to pitch the mechanic out before he could bring it under control.

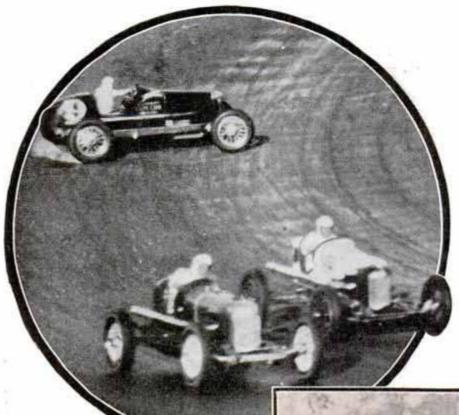
When I say a riding mechanic has much to do with winning a race, I mean it's his duty to relieve the driver's mind of most of the worries except driving. The mechanic must keep up gasoline pressure, regulate oil pressure, estimate the condition of the tires, signal to other cars, watch for signals from the starter's booth, and just plain hold on when he has a chance. One mechanic at Indianapolis

cost his driver \$2,500 in lap money because he forgot to keep up the fuel pressure and, when the motor sputtered, signaled his driver that they were out of fuel. It took twenty-five laps for the driver to regain



Drivers Dodging Two Cars Still Moving after Collision, and Car Rolling over in Dirt-Track Race

his lead. I've been in twelve major crackups and have spent three of the last seven years in hospitals, recovering from injuries received on the track. At various times I've had 250 broken bones, including a



ner. Coming out of a turn the tires skated on a new pool of oil, spinning us around and sending us backward down the track until we were struck by another car. The impact tore our engine to bits, breaking off the manifold and setting the car on fire, and tossed us against the wall. Arnold was pinned in the wreckage but I was torn loose and thrown 258 feet, landing in the grass alongside the grandstand. Just as I was leaving the car the bottom fuel tank exploded and threw out sheets of flame that en-

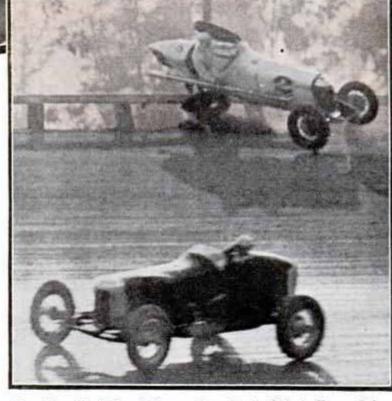
double basal fracture of the skull, but of all my injuries, a broken thumb is the only one that has bothered me since. I got that when we tossed a connecting rod through the crankcase, locking the engine and rear end and going into a slide in which we were hit by another car.

by another car.

I got the skull fracture in 1932 riding with Billy Arnold at Indianapolis, a couple of years after he and I had collected \$72,000 in prize money during the racing season. At the 150-mile mark, after we had piled up a two-lap lead, another car went into a spin in front of us. Billy's only chance was to pass below it, so he took his foot off the throttle to slow down. We were in a front-drive

car and the rapid deceleration of front end swung the rear around, causing us to spin and throwing us over the concrete wall tail first. The car hung on the wall and dropped me out, then came crashing down on top of me. Arnold was badly hurt also.

The year before, at Indianapolis, we had a six-lap lead at 425 miles and it began to look like we were going to bring in a win-



Top, Too Much Speed Causes Rear Car to Spin in Turn; Below, Race Car Caught as It Spun into Fence

veloped me in the air. Both of us were in the hospital for months.

In the 1933 race, I was asked to act as relief for "Monk" Jordan, who was riding with Les Spangler. Spangler was flagged from the pit to stop for me on the next lap and I sat on the fence to wait. As I waited, traffic was piled up on the backstretch by

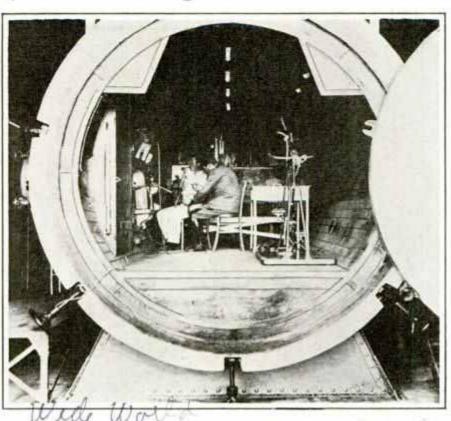
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Vault Tests Flyers for High-Altitude Work

Tests in all stages of flying are given students at an indoor flying field without subjecting the inexperienced pilots to dangers aloft. A huge experimental chamber is a part of the equipment. In this vault, which is closed by a giant door, students are tested for respiration in "high altitudes." Thus, the instructors are able to learn the student's reaction to thin air without sending him on a hazardous flight. The indoor flying field is located at the army aviation school in Italyal monticello

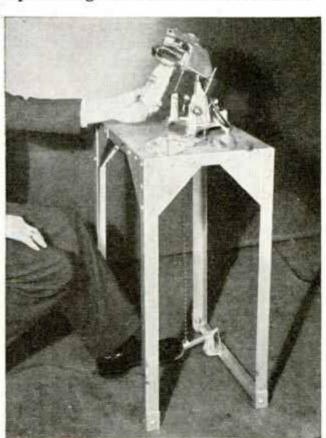


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Waxed Paper Bags Sealed Quickly without Adhesives

Quick sealing of waxed, glassine or Cellophane bags without adhesives is accom-



Simple Arrangement for Sealing Bags without Using
Any Form of Adhesive

plished by a small foot-operated machine for the home or small factories. It is heated electrically, a thermostat holding the temperature at the level for best performance. The open lips of the bag are placed between jaws which crimp and close the bag when the pedal is depressed. The heat softens the paper or Cellophane sufficiently so that the lips remain closed tightly after release of the jaws.

"FINGERPRINTING" DOG TEAMS PREVENTS RACE FRAUD

As a means of preventing fraud, the "fingerprints" of dog teams entered in derby races in Canada are taken. A small tuft of hair at the base of each dog's tail is pressed between two soft wads of sealing wax and left to harden. In the process, the fingerprints of the thumb and index finger of the judge doing the marking are imprinted in the wax. This makes it impossible to substitute fresh dogs for those starting the race, since the seals are examined carefully when each team finishes the race. The wax is applied so that it is not easily broken or scraped away.

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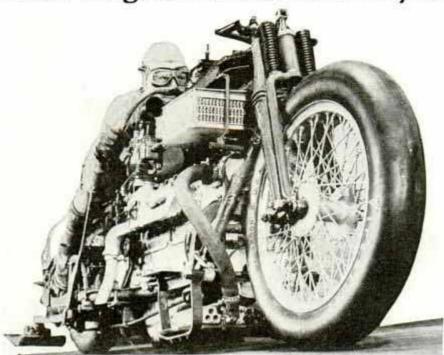
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Auto Engine Drives Motorcycle at High Speed

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This "Hybrid X" Racing Machine, Motorcycle Powered by Auto Engine,
Is Expected to Attain Speeds above Five Miles per Minute

CREAM IS WHIPPED BETTER
BY AIR-BUBBLE MIXER

By introducing thousands of air bubbles, a new mixer produces more than three quarts instead of the usual two quarts of

whipped cream from the original one quart. The result is a fluffier and more easily digested cream. The whipper is a bucket-like container resting on a motorized base. At the bottom of the container are aerating disks held in place by a central stem. Each

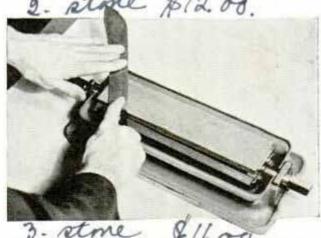
each side with tiny grooves or air tracks, which direct the minute air bubbles from the motor-driven compressor through the cream. No blades are used.

¶Names and addresses of manufacturers and dealers in articles described in this magazine will be furnished by our Bureau of Information upon receipt of a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Assembled especially for establishing a world's record of more than 3000; miles per hour, an oversize motorcycle powered with an automobile en gine has been making speed tests on the Pacific coast. The motorcycle, weighing 1,500 pounds, is powered with a six-cylinder Plymouth automobile engine with fan and generator removed. With special timing and care buretor jets, the engine makes 4,100 revolutions per minute. The wheel-,? base is eighty-five inches and the over-all length is-115 inches, a standard motorcycle frame being

lengthened and reinforced with steel tubing. Two large sprockets connected by a
three-quarter inch chain facilitate steering, the handlebars having been moved
back several inches from their original
position. Two steel plates, one on each side
in front of the rear wheel, serve as brakes
by actual contact with the ground or track.
They can be raised or lowered by a lever.

TRIPLE OILSTONE SHARPENER PRODUCES HONED EDGES



Sharpening Knite on One Surface of Multi-Oilstone Unit; the Stones Are Reversible

Containing three oilstones, the latest sharpener produces honed edges on a great variety of tools, knives and instruments.

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The stones, which are prefilled with oil at the factory, are reversible for use of both sides. The stone in use is elevated, preventing cuts and grazed knuckles. The three oilstones are set on a rigid base in an enameled case,

TRAP CATCHES EXCESS PAINT DRIPPING FROM BRUSH

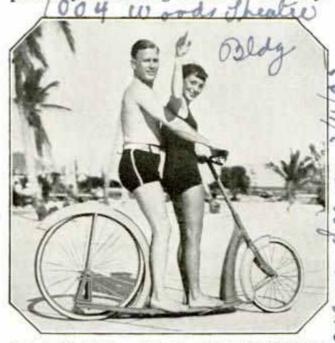


Excess paint is trapped by a pliable rubber guard that fits on a new non-drip brush. Somewhat cupshaped, the guard has a rim lip that prevents escape of paint until the user is ready to empty it through a drain notch. An-

other brush has a drip-trap ferrule of "washboard" design. This ridged construction retards the flow of excess paint from the bristles toward the painter's hand.

GEARLESS AND CHAINLESS BIKE DRIVEN BY BODY BOUNCE

Functioning on the principle of an eccentric rear wheel, the latest bicycle has neither gears nor a chain. Invented by Phil Huyseng of Chicago, the bike is propelled by a bouncing motion of the body.

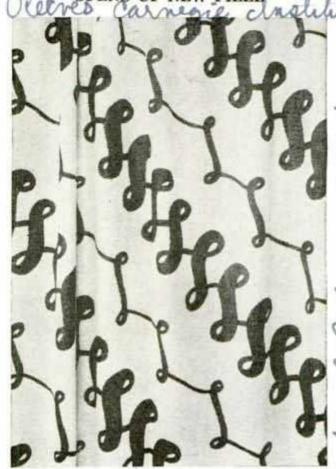


Latest Bike in Use; Note Rear Wheel Is Off Center, and other prey included.

Providing Means of Propulsion roaches and even one tiny toad.

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"CELLOPHANE" USED IN FABRIC
OPENS UP NEW FIELD



Looped Braid Design on New "Cellophane" Cloth; the Fabric Offers Many Possibilities

Possibilities of increasing use of Cellophane are held out by a beautiful piece of drapery exhibited recently in New York. The drapery is a fabric, known as "Luvet," made entirely of Cellophane slit cellulose film and cotton. An unusual design, printed diagonally in cochineal red across the cloth, is a feature. It consists of a looped braid, similar to that worn by the court guard of honor of King Charles V of Spain.

PLANT THAT TRAPS INSECTS DESTROYS MANY SPIDERS

Termed by Darwin "the most wonderful plant in the world," the Venus flytrap is responsible for destroying many insects. Prof. Robert F. Griggs of George Washington University has found that the largest single class of its victims is the spider. Examinations of hundreds of its traplike hinged leaves showed that spiders formed twenty-eight per cent of the catch, flies were second with twenty-four per cent and other prey included beetles, ants, roaches and even one tiny toad.

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The Fog Patrol, by Obtaining Advance Weather Data, Makes Possible Safe Flights of Commercial Airliners Such as This, and the Flashing of Storm Warnings to Ships at Sea

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Weather Observer Detaching Recording Instruments from Fog Patrol Plane after Flight and the Radio Operator Who Maintains Contact with Pilot of One of Fog Patrol Ships

phoned his base at Mitchell Field by short wave and has received an answer.

With a strong wind trying to blow his ship out over the Atlantic and with a ceiling that offers a sporting chance for landing safely, Lieut. Baker is flying in the interests of a newly developed science for speeding up weather reports and making them more accurate. Although yet in its infancy, this science already has saved many lives and much money, and is destined to play an important part in your own daily life if your activities are influ-

enced by weather conditions. This new system of weather forecasting is called airmass analysis. It was developed in the United States by Joseph George, chief meteorologist of Western Air Express, and Dr. Irving P. Krick of the California Institute of Technology who states that all that is needed for 100-per-cent accuracy is 100-per-cent reports of conditions on which the new forecasts are based.

"Air-mass analysis in forecasting can be used effectively only if certain data not heretofore available are provided, includ-

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times paralyzing steamship traffic and grounding commercial airplanes. At Newark airport, for example, weather bureau reports from July, 1933, to June, 1934, show there were 1,226 hours of fog and 2,352 hours during which the visibility was less than two and one-half miles. In spite of such conditions, the fog patrol flies.

About 4:30 a.m. Lieut. Baker and his radio mechanic take off in their observation plane and climb at 300 feet a minute, leveling off at 1,500 feet and at every additional 3,000 feet so that the aerometeorograph hooked in a cage to the upper right wing, may record

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ing particularly detailed information concerning temperature, humidity and air movement above the earth's surface," says W. E. Gregg, chief of the weather bureau.

"Full use of air-mass analysis is not yet possible but to the extent that it is now employed in the weather bureau, it has been found to aid materially in forecasting thunderstorms and their prob-

able movements, precipitation in general, the probable occurrence and strength of vertical convection, maximum temperatures, in establishing the probable 'ceiling' or height of clouds, and in forecasting the occurrence of ice formation on aircraft."

While Lieut. Baker is in the air other members of the fog patrol are also flying at no less than twenty-three strategically located points throughout the United States, so when you awake in the morning to board a commercial airplane, or ocean liner, or even plan a day's outing, you may know to a certainty what sort of weather is in store for you.

Why is it called the fog patrol? Because fog conditions encountered in the east, where the weather ship has been flying since last July, have been considerable, at



Top, Looking over Recordings of Fog Patrol Instruments; a Typical Weather Map, Made More Accurate by the Patrol, and Operator Teletyping Patrol Data to Weather Bureau

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Taking Measurements for Suit Is Made Easy by Using Small Camera; Note Tapeline Attached to the Customer as He Stands Before Chart; Camera Records Measurements and Posture Quickly

CAMERA HELPS THE TAILOR TAKE MEASUREMENTS

More accurate measurements can be taken if a camera is added to the custom tailor's equipment. With the customer standing before a scale with tapes adjusted to his body, the tailor snaps the picture that shows exact measurements and details of posture and appearance. The tailor works from the photograph in making the suit, which often can be finished without calls for fitting. The usually long job of measurement is reduced to about one minute by using the camera.

METAL STEMS FOR FLOWERS LATEST AID TO FLORIST

Fastening metal stems to flowers or leaves to facilitate their insertion into mossed frames or designs, a new machine aids the florist. It holds several hundred stems or picks, automatically feeding one out and clamping it around the flower stem. This method replaces the old way of tying a wooden stick to the stem with a piece of wire.



Device for Attaching Metal Stems to Flowers

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Sinking Boat Saved by Auto Driving a Pump



Auto Is Shown Pumping Water from Sinking Boat; Note the Pump Located between the Car and the Boat; This Unusual Means of Salvage Saved the Boat after Ice Had Punctured a Hole in Its Hull

When a sixty-five foot fishing craft began to sink amid the ice of a Canadian stream recently, an automobile was used to salvage the boat. The car was driven

out on the ice to furnish power for a large suction pump that soon emptied the boat of water. A hole in the hull was plugged and the boat towed to drydock.

Copper Awning Can Be Folded Like a Venetian Blind

23 Awnings made of copper instead of fabric are now being produced. The metal

This Awning Made of Copper Folds Like a Venetian Blind and Can Be Used the Year Round

awnings fold like Venetian blinds and can be used both winter and summer since they are not affected materially by rain, snow, sleet or sunshine. Such awnings also eliminate the fire hazard always present when cloth awnings are used. Similar awnings are being made of aluminum and corrosion-resisting steel.

SMALL-SIZE REFLEX CAMERA HAS ULTRA-FAST LENSES

Equipped with ultra-fast lenses, a small reflex camera is available for night photography and "candid camera" work. It is of the twin-lens type, the upper lens showing the image in a ground glass while the lower lens takes the picture. Film changes are automatic



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GENERATOR CONTROL ON DASH REGULATES CHARGING

Control of the generator charging rate is placed at the auto driver's fingertips by a system operated from the dash. A variable



resistance, an allmetal pack, is introduced into the generator shunt field. Encased in heavy brass, the pack is connected to a hard rubber knob installed on the instrument panel of the car. Turning this knob sets the generator at the charging rate desired. The resistance pack

controls the output of the generator instead of being hooked up in the main electric circuit. Installation requires only a few minutes, as only two holes and two connections are necessary.

GARAGE DOOR HOLDER LOCKS IN OPEN OR SHUT POSITION

Locking the garage door in open or shut position, a new inexpensive holder is available to the automobile owner. A plunger with a spring is forced into a slot at one end of a long rod upon opening the garage



door. This holds the door open. Pulling a chain releases the plunger and permits the door to be closed. When the door is shut, the plunger is forced into a slot at the other end of

the rod, locking the door. Thus, if the garage has a side or service door, no padlock is required on the larger door. If there is no service door, installation and operation are different, but the holder still does its work of holding the door in either position.

American housewives own and use an average of 600 pounds of steel in their homes, according to recent estimates.



Giant Tower Erected for Parachute Jumping; Note How 'Chute Is Held Open before Jump

'CHUTE JUMPING FROM TOWER IS LATEST THRILLER

Parachute jumping for the novice is the latest thrill-producer in one of Moscow's parks. The person desiring to make a jump climbs a spiral ramp to the top of a tower, attaches the parachute harness and floats to earth when the 'chute is released from its frame. There is no waiting for the parachute to open, because it is held in spread position by its frame before it is released, thus making it safer for patrons.

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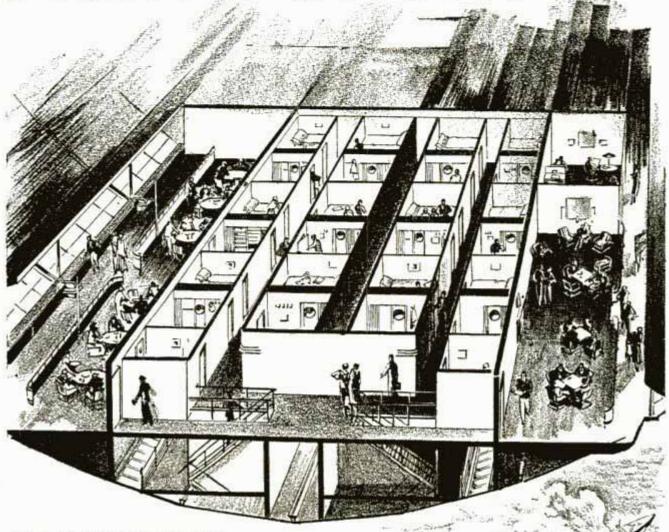
Promenade Deck of the New German Dirigible, and Dining Room Designed by Prof. F. A. Breuhaus, Berlin Architect; Note the Slanting Windows Which Give Passengers a View of the Panorama Below



One of the Lounge Rooms of the Dirigible Where Passengers Assemble for Social Gatherings; Note the Light but Sturdy Metal Furniture Designed Especially for the Dirigible



This Is One of the Promenades and Lounging Rooms of the Giant Airship Which Has Accommodations for Fifty Passengers and a Crew of Thirty-Five Persons Satest AIRSHIP



DR. HUGO ECKENER'S latest venture with rigid airships promises to unfold endless possibilities of traveling safely and swiftly through the air in modern luxury.

The "LZ-129," under construction since February, 1932, is about to make her maiden trip across the Atlantic, with Dr. Eckener as her master.

Here are the main facts about the ship: Length, 812 feet; greatest diameter, 137 feet; gross lifting capacity, 418,000 pounds; pay load twenty-five to thirty tons; fuel load, 130,000 pounds; cruising speed eighty miles per hour, which will carry it across the Atlantic in about two days.

Passenger accommodations are superior to those on any previous aircraft. The designer, Prof. F. A. Breuhaus, created an "architecture of the air" in the interior decoration. He designed chairs, tables and beds as an engineer would design a bridge.

Because so much dead weight was saved

Diagram of Passengers' Quarters, Showing Dining Room, Lounge and Cabins in Center

in the design, it is possible to accommodate fifty passengers and a crew of thirty-five in the ship's twenty-five staterooms, each with hot and cold running water. In addition, the ship will carry considerable express and mail.

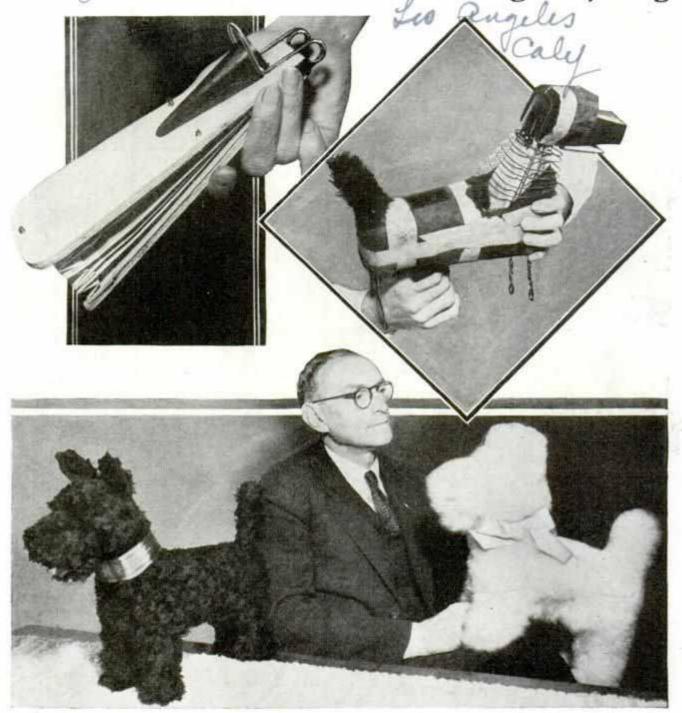
There are two groups of parlors, including two promenade decks, giving a total floor space of 5,380 square feet, of which one-half is available for social gatherings.

The passengers will be permitted to smoke, a luxury denied on the "Graf Zeppelin." The social salons and promenades

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Bellows and Sound Box in Barking' Toy Dog



Top, Left, Bellows Arrangement for Producing Dog's Bark; Right, Toy Dog Before Frame Is Covered with Rabbit Fur; Bottom, Two Realistic Looking Toy Dogs That "Bark" until a Spring Runs Down

Producing a noise that closely resembles a natural bark, the latest toy dog is equipped with a spring-driven bellows that pumps air into a sound box. The coil spring that works the bellows also opens and shuts the dog's mouth and wags its tail. A single winding of the spring operates the mechanism for two minutes to produce about twenty-five barks. By using the bellows and sound-box arrangement, the inventor claims that he can imitate vocal noises peculiar to almost any

animal. The use of air syringes is discarded in favor of the bellows. Made of welded metal bodies covered with rabbit fur, the toy dogs will withstand hard usage.

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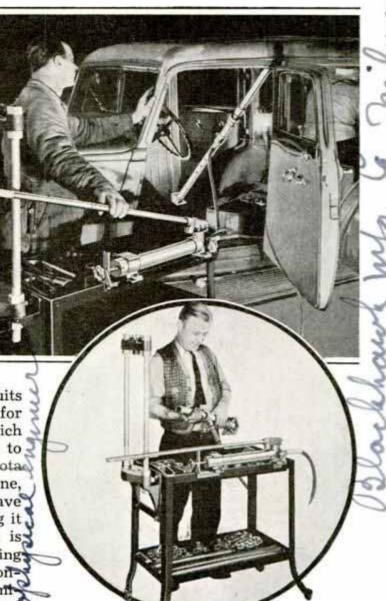
ROAD MATERIALS ARE FOUND BY DIVINING ROD

Sand and gravel deposits for building roads can be located below the earth's surface by a new electrical divining rod. From a truck equipped to generate the necessary power, a long electric cable extends, enabling the operators to survey areas of about three acres at each shift of the truck. The instrument looks like a combination of a radio and an airplane instrument board. Four electrodes are pegged into the ground at intervals. The

earth gives up its secrets when circuits between the electrodes are measured for resistance of the formations through which the current passes from one electrode to another. Stanley W. Wilcox, Minnesotac highway engineer, points out that stone, sand, gravel, silt, loess, wet or dry, have different resistances to current, making it possible to determine what formation is hidden under the surface. The divining rod saves the highway department considerable time and money, since it eliminates the digging of test holes to find sand and grayel. A supervisor and a crew of three men are required to operate the truck and its equipment.



Sensitive Equipment Indicates Formation Below Surliace; It is Shown in Use



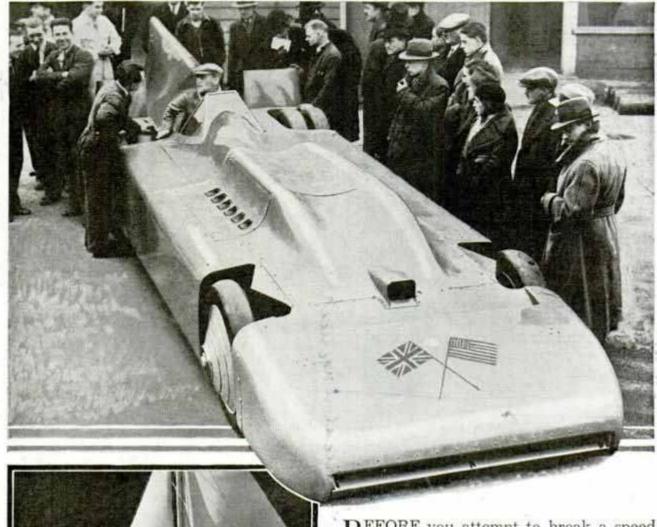
Top, How Frame Straightener Is Used on Auto; Bottom, Note Compactness of the Equipment

RAM STRAIGHTENS CAR FRAME BY HYDRAULIC POWER

Mounted on a compact wheeled stand, a combination hydraulic ram and jack is available for straightening auto frames, bodies and fenders. The pump and ram are separate units connected by a flexible hose, permitting the ram to deliver full power in any direction. The ram is threaded on both ends for attachment of thirty accessories in any combination to fit the individual repair job. The jack can pull, push, press, lift, spread, clamp or straighten with seven-ton pressure. A press at one end of the portable stand can be converted into a power press by using the ram as the power unit.

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WHAT PRICE



Sir Malcolm Campbell's Record-Breaking "Bluebird" and Two of America's Fastest Racing Yachts, the "Rainbow" and the "Weetamoe"

BEFORE you attempt to break a speed record you ought to inquire about the price of one. Speed records cost from nothing to millions of dollars.

The most expensive speed races are those between transatlantic passenger vessels. The construction costs of the superships, "Normandie" and "Queen Mary," were \$30,000,000 each. The additional expense of outfitting basins, special piers, and drydocks brings their combined costs to about \$100,000,000.

When 1,000-foot giants speed across the Atlantic they consume money at an extraordinary rate. Aside from the expense of a crew of 1,300, the engines burn fuel at more than a barrel a minute. The fuel cost of an extra two or three knots in speed of a 50,000-ton vessel amounts to thousands of dollars for a single crossing. At her regular speed of twenty-six knots, the "Rex" burns 650 tons of oil daily. But on a record-breaking dash, when the ship

SPEED RECORDS?



A Race of Fast Swimmers; Swimming Is the Slowest Form of Human Muscular Locomotion, the Maximum Speed Being About Four Miles per Hour

speeds up to twenty-nine knots, the oil consumption is about 1,100 tons daily. Hence, the cost of three extra knots per day is \$4,500; and for a record-breaking dash of four and one-half days the cost of three extra knots is \$20,250.

Train speed records do not cost nearly as much as passenger ship speed records, but the price is far beyond the average man's purse. The actual operating cost of Union Pacific's record-breaking streamline train is comparatively low. In crossing the continent, the Union Pacific streamliner consumed 2,079 gallons of crude oil, costing \$83. This is slight in comparison with the \$200,000 construction cost of the train.

Airplane speed records also come fairly high. As early as 1912 the Frenchman, Jules Vedrines, came to America with a 140-horsepower monoplane in which he covered 124.3 miles at a speed of 105 miles per hour, winning the airplane speed record. The cost of the experimentation and construction of his monoplane was reported as \$600,000.

The costliest air records are undoubtedly those which have been won in the Schneider cup races. The principal participants, England and Italy, have spent more than \$2,000,000 in the experimental work necessary for building seaplanes that can travel in excess of 400 miles per hour. The commercial Douglas transport plane, which flew from coast to coast in slightly more than twelve hours, was developed at a cost of more than \$300,000. But the individual planes can now be reproduced for about \$80,000.

The racing automobiles brought to this country by the famous British drivers, Sir Henry Segrave, Kaye Don, and Sir Mal-

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A Man and His Record-Breaking Machine; This Is Flight Lieut. G. H. Stainforth of the British Schneider Cup Team Who Piloted This Plane at a Speed of More Than 400 Miles an Hour

colm Campbell, cost their backers considerably more than \$100,000 each. It takes from six to nine months for a staff of automotive experts to design and build a superspeed automobile. The mere cost of building is figured at about \$75,000. But there are very few places where it is safe to drive an auto at a greater speed than 200 miles per hour.

Every time an English built racer comes to Daytona Beach, it is accompanied by a crew of mechanics. The cost of transportation amounts to about \$1,000 per man. Hence, when the car finally returns to England, after a Daytona speed trial, the total cost usually runs above \$100,000. The "Silver Bullet," the "Golden Arrow," the "Mystery 'S'," and finally Sir Malcolm Campbell's "Bluebird" cost anywhere from ten to twenty-five dollars per pound to build. The principal cost goes to overcome the effects of high wind resistance. If it were not for the wind, a 400-mile per hour racing car could be built for as little as \$25,000.

In general, it may be said that the cost of winning speed records is mounting. The early international cup yacht races were run for a mere fraction of the present-day costs. The Vanderbilt syndicate spent no less than \$500,000 in the race against the British challenger, "Endeavour." Altogether, the cost to challenger and defender of an international cup yacht race may be figured at about \$1,000,000.

The cost of motorboat racing has also jumped in price. Sir Henry Segrave, who was drowned while breaking a speed record, was piloting a motorboat that had cost his backers tens of thousands of dollars to develop and to build. Gar Wood, the present motorboat record holder, has also spent tens of thousands of dollars in the experimental work necessary to build "Miss America."

Jules Verne set the world agog with an account of an imaginary journey around the world in eighty days. He figured the cost of this trip at about \$100,000. That is one speed record that was and still can be beaten for less. In 1910 one could have traveled around the world with a servant in forty days or less for about \$2,000. Starting from New York, one can now travel around the world by steamship for less than \$1,000.

When Nellie Bly traveled around the (Continued to page 136A)

Mile-a-Minute Snowmobile Has Safety Brakes

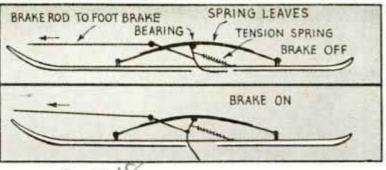


Motor Sled with Lighted Propeller Guard (Circle) and Braking System (Bottom)

Designed for safety and comfort as well as speed, the latest snowmobile is capable of sixty miles per hour. It has "knee-action" runners with retractable brakes, assuring positive braking in loose or hard snow, red warning lights

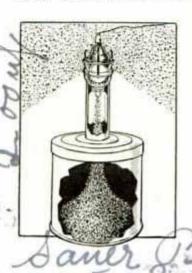
around the propeller guard and a large headlight for night driving. Power, lights and heat are supplied by a Ford model-A engine equipped with starter. Motor and the "pusher" propeller are mounted at the rear, back of the driving compartment. The safety brake has a spring that causes the braking rod to retract within the main runner when the driver releases the brake pedal. Applying pressure causes the rod to dig into the snow, greatly retarding the snowmobile's speed and finally bringing it to a halt. Controls are located on a dashboard panel inside the cab. Streamlining gives the machine a pleasing appearance and reduces air resistance.

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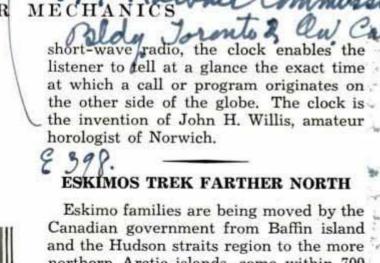


ELECTRIC-LAMP INSECT TRAP WORKS INDOORS OR OUT

Efficient indoors or out, the latest insect trap has no moving parts. It attracts the insects to an electric lamp, ranging from sixty to 500 watts. The insects accumulate,



in the trapping bowl, which can be detached, cleaned and replaced quickly. The trap screws into any light socket like an electric bulb. The bulb is then screwed into the trap. For outdoor use, larger bulbs and trapping bowls are used.



Eskimo families are being moved by the Canadian government from Baffin island and the Hudson straits region to the more northern Arctic islands, some within 700 miles of the north pole, because game is more plentiful. Most of the Eskimos depend on hunting for subsistence, or work at some of the northern outposts, trading their labor for food, clothing and ammunition. The Canadian government is making an effort to save the Eskimos as a race by aiding in moving them to better locations as civilization encroaches on them.

LARGE NON-SINKABLE LIFEBOAT IS SELF-BAILING

Claimed to be non-sinkable, a large lifeboat that is self-bailing has been tested successfully. It will be used by the U. S. coast guard off the New Jersey coast where the "Morro Castle" and the "Mohawk" sank with heavy loss of life.

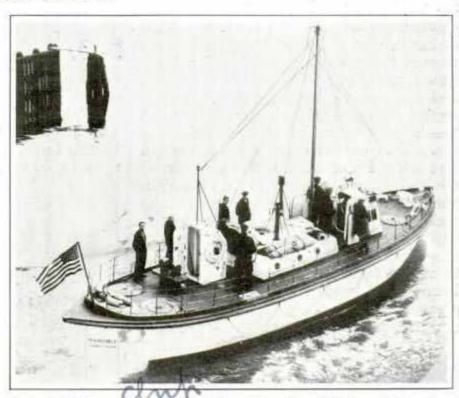


Top, Inventor with the World Clock; Bottom, Closeup of Clock; Its Dial Revolves

CLOCK TO TELL WORLD TIME HAS MOVING DIAL

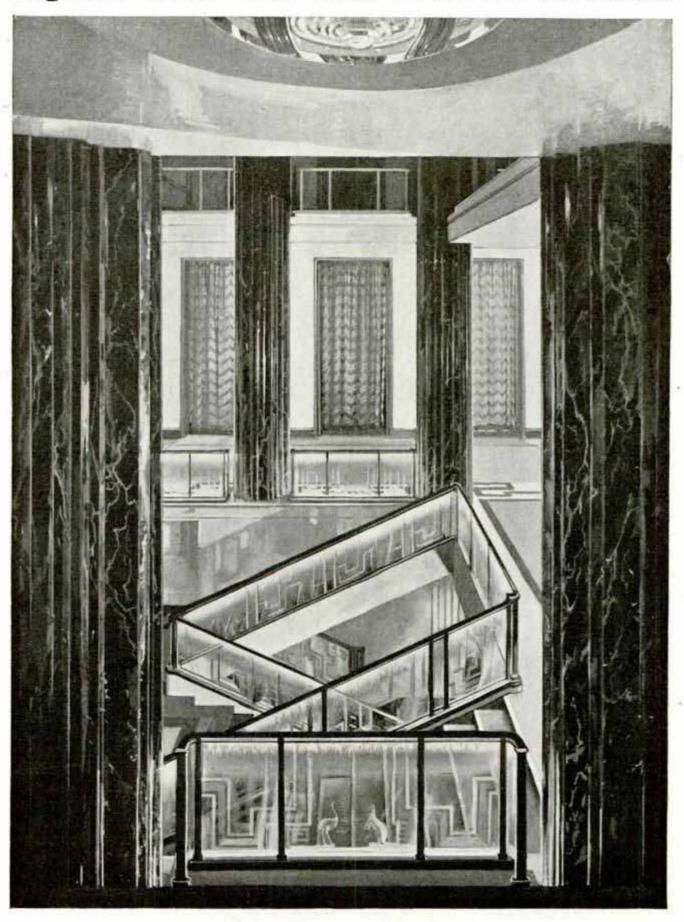
Designed to tell time at all points on

the earth simultaneously, an inexpensive clock for the home has been introduced in England. Instead of moving hands, it has a dial that revolves counter-clockwise past stationary pointers representing all the time areas of the world. The dial is calibrated in fiveminute periods and a glance tells the time anywhere. The moving hand on a small dial below gives the exact minutes past the hour. The clock never needs altering, either on ship or aircraft. During daylight saving months, a person in the Chicago area may use the mountain zone time pointer. For use with



Unsinkable Boat for Use of U.S. Coast Guard as It Returned from Successful Test; It Will Go into Service Off the New Jersey Coast

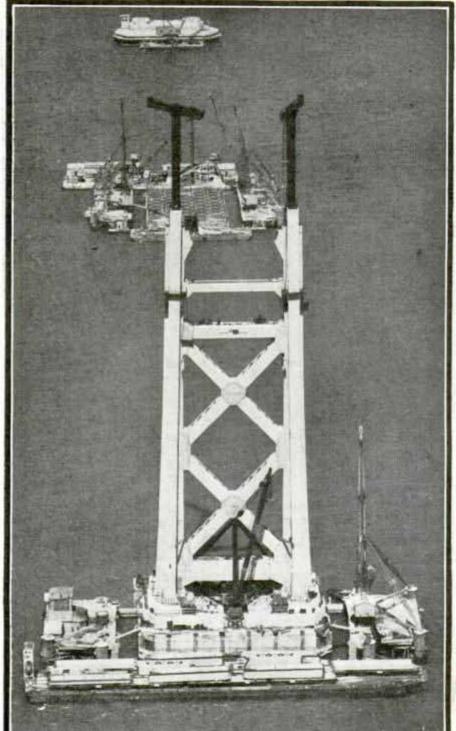
Lighted Glass Stair Rail Gives Novel Effect



Main Staircase Hall of New Building of Royal Institute of British Architects, Showing Etched-Glass Stair Rails, Illuminated by Tubular Lights Concealed in the String

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By FRANK J. TAYLOR

T'S the toughest, meanest, most dangerous job on earth, but Bill Reed thinks it's swell.

Day after day, for months on end, Reed has dived into the treacherous tides of the Pacific to flirt with death, then returned grinning to the land of the living.

His main regret today is that the peril-

Concrete Islands from Which Rise the Suspension Towers of the Giant Bridge Connecting San Francisco and Oakland

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ous job is just about done. Soon he will be looking for another just as hazardous. His specialty is the underwater job that no one else can handle.

William Reed's highsounding title is chief submarine inspector of the San Francisco-Oakland Trans-Bay bridge. The story behind it is this.

Five men sat around a big mahogany table in a director's room in San Francisco.

They had just been handed \$76,000,000 with which to build the world's greatest bridge.

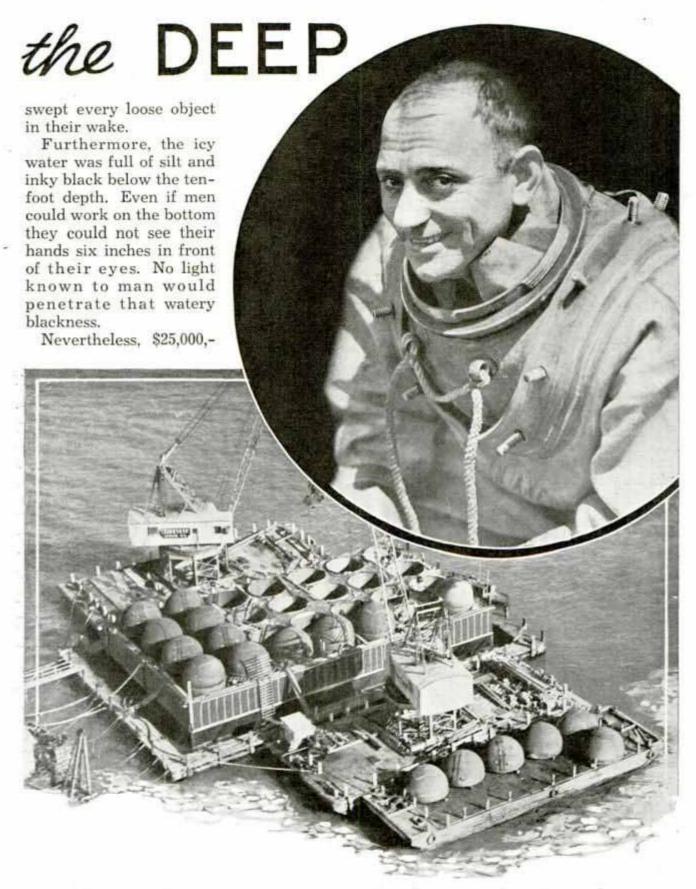
Their immediate job was to dump about onethird of that huge sum into San Francisco bay, sight unseen.

The dumping had to be done in exactly the right way so that the result would be a chain of concrete islands capable of supporting the towers and the superstructure of the enormous bridge.

Nothing like that had ever been done. Never had engineers undertaken to build piers from the

surface of the water down. Never had men tried to erect them in water so deep. It was over 100 feet to the mud at the bottom of the bay, another 100 through the mud to the rock below on which the piers must rest. "Sand hogs" had never worked that deep below the surface.

To make matters worse, tides raced in and out of the bay eleven hours out of every twelve with such velocity that they



A Caisson with Some of Steel Caps Removed so Bill Reed, Above, Could Dive Down to Bottom and Inspect the Foundations 200 Feet Below the Water and Mud

000 worth of concrete had to be dumped in the bay, just so, and it must support another \$50,000,000 worth of steel and cables that formed the huge bridge.

The five men around the table included

some of the greatest engineers in the land. They agreed that it called for more than smart engineering brains to push that concrete overboard properly.

So they sent for William Reed. He lis-

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but watch him for a few hours as he wagers his life against the tides. Then see if you would care to earn eighty "grand" as Reed is earning his.

Reed first purchased a small barge. On one end of it was a small cabin, equipped with a stove, shelves for dishes and food. Midway in the barge, Reed installed his "iron doctor," an invention of which he is exceedingly proud. The

tened to their story and said he would tackle the job.

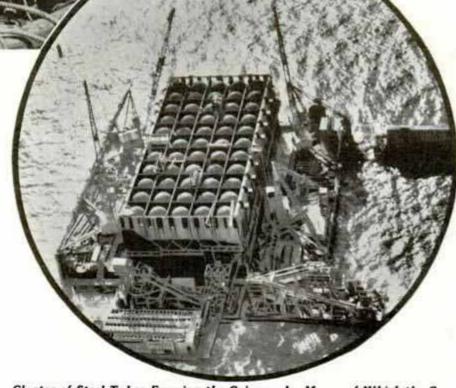
Now, Bill Reed is no engineer. He has no college education. He left school as a kid and went to work with a bridge construction gang. He couldn't figure a stress or strain to save his life. But Bill Reed's name is fame wherever bridge engineers gather. When he left the director's room. he was the highest paid of 3,000 employes on the bridge project, for two reasons.

One is that Bill Reed is a "Handy Andy under

water," and the other is that he "has eyes in his fingers," as the engineers put it.

Reed's contract was unique. It assured him a retainer of \$15,000 a year, plus "deep money." Every time he dove twelve inches or more beyond the 100-foot depth he received a bonus of a dollar a foot. That's deep money.

Altogether, the world's most risky job will net Reed about \$80,000 when it's done. Offhand, that looks like a lot of money,



Cluster of Steel Tubes Forming the Caissons by Means of Which the Concrete Islands Are Built from Surface Down, and Diver Reed Talking
Things Over with His Telephone Man

"doctor" is a huge pressure tank of heavy steel divided into two compartments. One is large enough to hold two cots, a radio, a telephone and a few bottles of stimulants. The other is barely big enough to accommodate a man standing up.

The doctor lies on its side amidships. Behind it is a compressor motor. In his iron doctor Reed decompresses slowly for two hours after each dive, the compression being reduced gradually from that of the

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nether world, with its pressure of 100 pounds per square inch, to the condition on the earth's surface, where the pressure is only sixteen pounds per square inch.

The balance of Reed's paraphernalia includes a regulation diver's suit, a bronze helmet, lead shoes, 300 feet of rubber air-line hose, a submarine telephone outfit, sundry ropes, and "Spud" O'Donnell, tender of the life line.

So equipped, Bill Reed was all set—one man against the deep.

The first task they handed him was exploring the bottom of the bay along the five-mile course of the bridge. The engineers had to clear the path before pouring the concrete for the piers.

For two months, fed with air from the barge above, Reed lurched around against the tides,

leaning into the drifting currents at an angle of forty-five degrees. In spite of the weight of his 185-pound diver's suit, with bronze helmet and metal shoes, plus his own 200 pounds, he had to fight to stay on his course. On the bottom he found junk and debris, dumped in bygone years, relics of sunken ships, bowlders, lost anchors, and cables. He hitched hawsers to the worst obstructions, so they could be towed away before he tackled his next job.

That was to walk around on the bottom with a magnetic detector to locate the telephone cables connecting San Francisco with Oakland. They were exactly on the line of the bridge piers. Reed's task was to find a cable, cut it in two with a hack saw, fasten hawsers to the ends, so they could be pulled up to the work barge, spliced and lengthened, and moved.

The cables had sunk too deep in the mud to be pulled out without breaking. So the men on the barges lowered a "washing machine," a little vehicle about the

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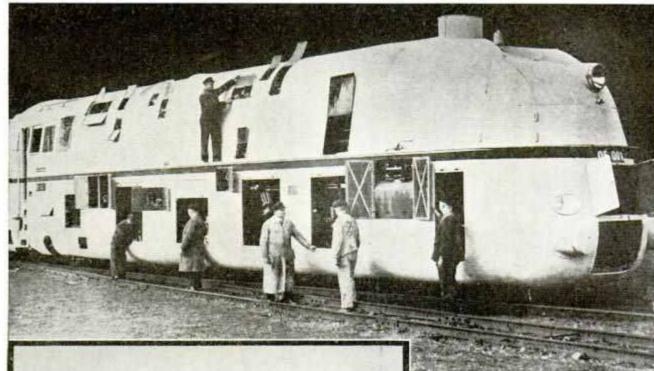
Photographer Takes a Downward "Shot" in Orchard While Two Assistants Hold This Unusual Scaffold and Ladder Rig

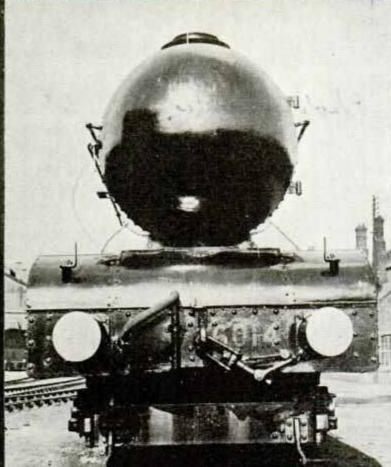
"DOWN" PHOTOS OF TREES MADE FROM LADDER-SCAFFOLD

Making downward "shots" of trees and other subjects is made easier for the photographer by a combination ladder and scaffold designed by a Californian. The scaffolding supports the ladder in upright position so that the photographer may climb to the top for his "shot." To speed up the process of taking the pictures, two assistants steady the rig when the photographer is ready with his camera. The crossbracing is so pegged that the entire scaffolding is mobile. When it is desired to remove the ladder to another location, the cross-bracing is strapped to the ladder, which in turn can be placed on trailer wheels and towed by automobile.

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Faster Locomotives Built in Rail Speed Race





Top, Preparing Streamline Locomotive for Its Trial Run on a German Railway; Note How the Smooth Metal Covering Shields All Working Parts against Wind Drag; Bottom, Latest Steam Engine in England, as Viewed from the Front, Has a Rounded Nose Designed to Increase Its Speed; Both Engines Are Expected to Attain 100 Miles per Hour or More

@ Planet News

Streamline locomotives of many sizes and designs are being constructed in Europe's race for speed on rails. In Germany a steam engine built in accordance with the latest ideas of aerodynamics has been undergoing tests before challenging the world's record. Speeds around 100 miles per hour are expected. An engine on a regular run of an English railroad recently attained a speed of 108 miles per hour. England's latest locomotive is a streamline, bullet-nosed engine. Built for the Great Western railway, it will pull the crack express, "King Henry VII."

MALE HORSES FASTER ON RACETRACK

Prof. Calvin P. Stone of Stanford University reports that

only twenty-two per cent of the winners in stake races in the period of 1923 to 1929 were mares and fillies. Eighty-six per cent of all racing records established from 1908 to 1932 were made by stallions and geld-

ings, the survey also shows.

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PROPEL LIFEBOAT WITHOUT OARS 23

Hand-operated levers, instead of oars, are pulled to propel a type of lifeboat recently demonstrated in New York. The levers are connected to a shaft which in turn operates a propeller. It is claimed such a craft can be lowered more readily, operated easier and can be maneuvered closer to the scene of an accident than a lifeboat operated with oars as no room for moving the oars is required.

"ELECTRIC EYE" IN STACK WARNS OF WASTE

When a chimney or the smokestack of a factory smokes, indicating waste of fuel, a photo-cell relay will give an immediate warning. In a demonstration recently, the "electric eye" flashed a signal when the stack of a model factory became filled with smoke. This equipment is intended to reduce costs of operation.



Model of Photo Cell in Chimney



Oarless Lifeboat Propelled by Hand-Operated Levers Attached to Shaft Which Operates a Propeller

SPINNERS ON HINGES & 336

Functioning automatically while submerging in any position, a new fish lure has a lifelike an-

has a lifelike appearance that induces strikes. It has a hinged bail to which are attached swivels and two spinner blades. Casts may be made with deadly accuracy because no feathers or buck-tail are used. The body is cast from special treated metal.

balanced to make casting easy. Regular baseball thread protects the metal casting.

Tests show that a pull of eight pounds is required to break a horsehair.

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San Francisco Harbor, Possible Terminus of Pacific Airline; a Philippine Ox Cart and Street in Canton, China

A MERICAN engineers, inventors, pilots and airplane builders will claim the honor of being first to heave an airline across the largest body of water on the map—the mighty Pacific ocean, 68,000,000 square miles in area.

A brand new airway 8,678 miles long, one-third of the way around the globe, will be in operation by Pan American Airways before the end of 1935.

What formerly required months on a sailing vessel, and even now takes three weeks on a steamship, will be covered in about four days by a fast fleet of clippers cruising at 150 miles per hour.

Not even the Orient is remote any more. If you have 100 hours to spare and a desire to see a good bit of the world from the air, you may soon hop aboard a Pan American clipper at a California port and speed across the blue Pacific faster than a trade wind.

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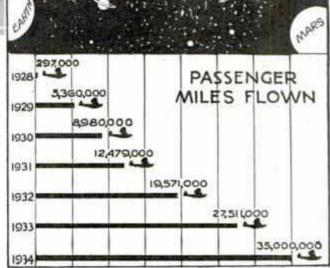
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sourcefulness with which it conquered the Caribbean sea, Pan American is proceeding on this new venture, one of the most audacious and courageous in maritime history. To weave an airway net over the jungles of South and Central America is no mean undertaking, but to blaze a commercial air trail across the greatest water body on the map is something that until recently appeared foolish and next to impossible.

But these engineers go about it with an assurance and confidence that overcomes every obstacle. They are now somewhere in the Pacific ocean wastes, laying foundations, erecting radio towers, surveying harbors, and assembling machinery where such things were scarcely known heretofore. On Wilkes island, for instance, they are establishing an airway base and the first human settlement, so far as is known.

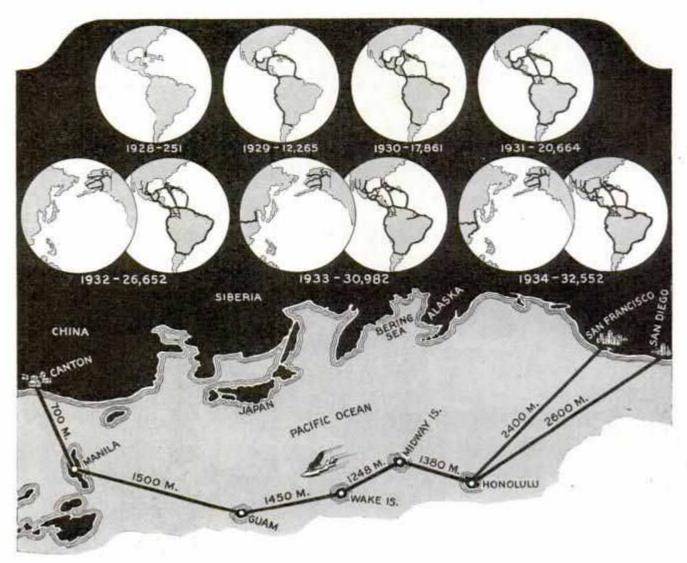
By a fortunate coincidence, it happens that all the islands necessary for air bases are under the jurisdiction of the United States. Except for the last stop, Canton, China, the entire airway covers territory controlled by the United States. At the



Sketch of Nineteen-Ton Trans-Pacific Clipper Ship, and Chart Showing Increase in Passenger Miles Flown by Pan American in Seven Years

present state of aviation it would be virtually impossible for a foreign nation to establish a competing airway across the Pacific without the consent of the American government.

The "North Haven," a 15,000-ton vessel chartered by Pan American Airways, is the supply ship for the crew now engaged in establishing the five bases on Pacific islands. In addition to a construction crew of seventy-four, the "North Haven" carries a staff of forty-four technicians who have received intensive training in Pan



Route to Be Flown on Trans-Pacific Airline with Island Airports Where Stops Will Be Made and Charts
Showing Growth of Airway Route Mileage of Pan American Airways

American's ocean flying school in the Caribbean sea.

Preparations for establishing the trans-Pacific service have been going on for more than two years, and the crews of the clippers and staffs of the island bases are now prepared to meet almost any contingency. The company has accumulated masses of geographic and meteorological material relating to the Pacific. It has developed a system of radio communication that keeps every ship in the air in constant touch with the personnel on land. All members of the marine personnel have received three years of training in ocean navigation and long-range flight technique.

The new short-wave radio direction system developed by Pan American engineers has a range of more than 1,800 miles. Traveling on the beam, pilots will find it difficult, if not impossible, to lose their way.

The Pacific airway may have its Ameri-

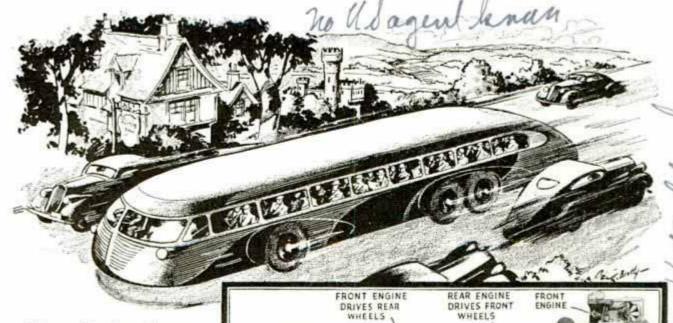
can base at either Los Angeles, San Francisco, or San Diego, Calif. From there, the rest of the route is virtually certain. The first stop is Honolulu, 2,400 miles from San Francisco; the second stop is Midway island, 1,380 miles from Honolulu; then Wake or Wilkes island, 1,248 miles from Midway island; Guam, 1,450 miles from Wilkes island; Manila, 1,500 miles from Guam, and finally Canton, 700 miles from Manila. Only five stops for a total of 8,678 miles!

In China, the Pacific service will connect with the 3,000-mile system of the Pan American Chinese Airlines, which covers strategic trade areas in the Far East.

This will make the Pan American system by far the greatest air transportation service in the world. Its system now includes 33,000 miles of scheduled airways touching thirty-three countries, but it does not operate within continental United

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Fast Motor Bus Has Front and Rear Engines



REAR ENGINE

Streamlined and capable of speeds up to seventy-five miles per hour, the latest German-built bus has two engines, one at the front and the other at the rear. Each engine produces 140 horsepower. There are seats for forty-four passengers, the driver and two mechanics in the bus, which is heated by radiators connected to

Chassis of Latest Motor Coach with Engines at Front and Rear; Drive Shafts Are Arranged in Unusual Manner to Get More Power

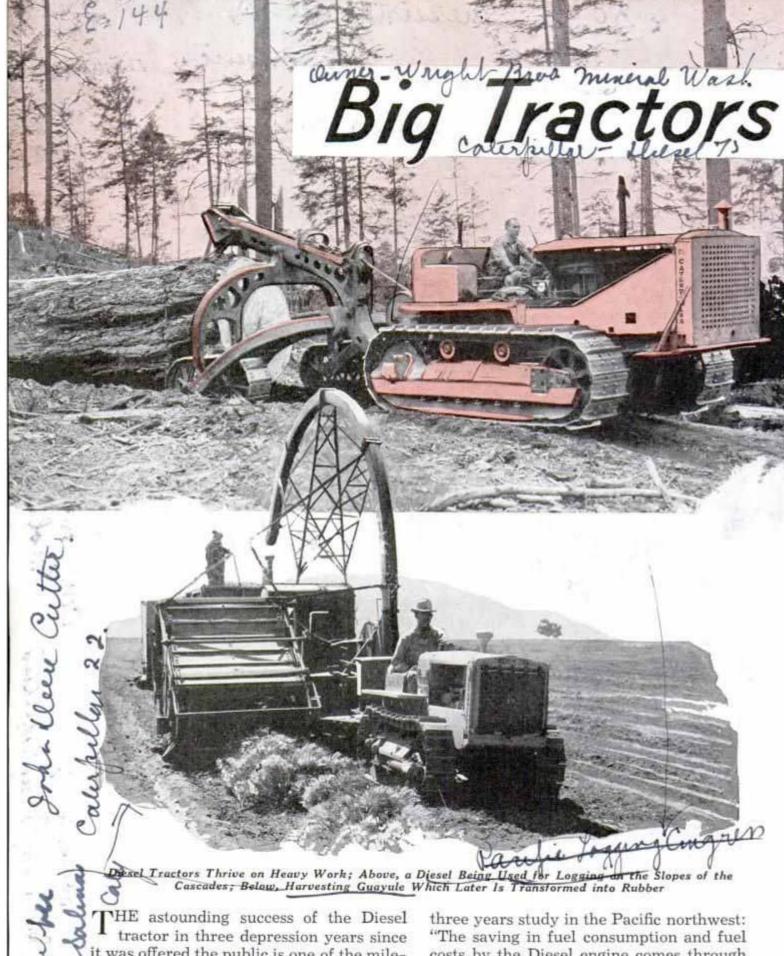
both engines. Other improvements include pendulum rear axles, corresponding to independently sprung wheels now used on American automobiles, but with an additional spring that acts as a stabilizer. The bus was constructed especially for use on a new high-speed highway now nearing completion in Germany.

Water Cycle on Pontoons Is Driven by Paddle Wheel



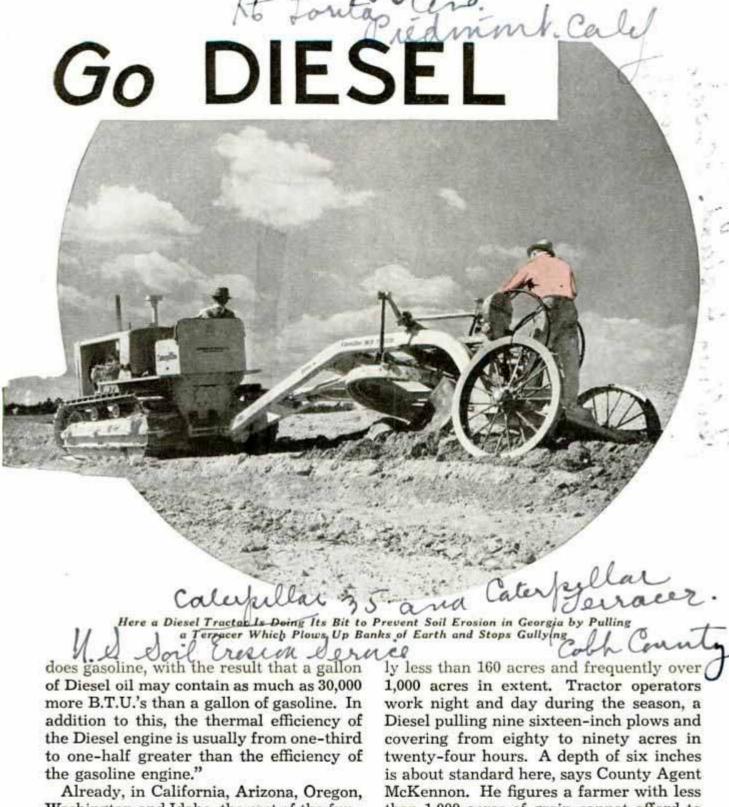
Pontoons Replace Wheels on This Water Cycle; a Speed of Ten Miles per Hour Is Possible by Hedaling the Craft Like a Bicycle

Built for exercise or sport, the latest water craft is propelled by a paddle wheel driven by pedaling. The operator, sits on a frame resembling that of a bicycle, Pontoons of rustless metal support the cycle. Carrying two passengers, the craft can attain a speed of ten miles per hour. It has shallow draft and can buck strong currents. The cycle is easier to handle than a boat.



THE astounding success of the Diesel tractor in three depression years since it was offered the public is one of the mileposts in that modern combination of invention, manufacturing and merchandising known as manufacturing.

Prof. Hobert Beresford, of the University of Idaho, sums up the case for the Diesel engine today as he sees it after three years study in the Pacific northwest: "The saving in fuel consumption and fuel costs by the Diesel engine comes through the fact that Diesel fuel oil contains from 500 to 850 more B.T.U.'s per pound than does ordinary gasoline and that because of this difference in molecular structure, which provides the added heat energy, the Diesel oil weighs more per gallon than



Washington and Idaho, the cost of the fundamentals of agriculture—plowing, disking, harrowing, weeding, seeding, harvesting-have been cut in half by the advent of the Diesel tractor. Professors Gilmore of Oregon State College, Bosworth of the University of Idaho, Johnson of Washington State, and County Agricultural Agent McKennon of Gilliam County, Oregon, agree with H. W. Putnam, Oliver branch manager for California and Arizona on that statement.

In this great wheat area, fields are rare-

than 1,000 acres of grain cannot afford to own his own Diesel tractor; hence, practically all owners do some custom work for neighbors.

In the Salt River valley of Arizona, the plowing job is heavier. There, according to Mr. Putnam, quoted prices have dropped from three dollars an acre to \$1.50 with the arrival of the Diesel, and he adds the custom operators are making money at those figures. Over in the Imperial Valley of California and Mexico, where the big disk plows are going down eighteen inches

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to find fleets of tractors averaging 3,000 to 3,500 hours per year work, and there are tractors that can prove over 6,000 hours work inside a twelve-month period!

So California now has over 1,000 Diesel tractors and is adding them as fast as purchasing power returns with profitable prices in the areas where acreage, hours or custom work warrant them. The eight western states have taken close to 2,000 Diesel tractors up to the end of last year. Colorado has forty-two, according to Colorado Agricultural College estimates, and

deep, the rate is \$2.50 to three dollars for Diesels where it has been five to six dollars for gasoline rigs.

Although now the Diesel tractors only come in the larger sizes, ranging from thirty-five to eighty horse-power, at any moment they may appear in reduced sizes. Even now, the smaller tractors are burning second-grade fuel, low-grade distillates, "stove tops," or butane, to bring farm tractor power costs to a new low level never approached before and undreamed of before the depression.

To get the tractor picture of California's lead in rushing to the Diesel tractor, remember that the western farmers began hooking the imported English "road steamers" to their plows back in the early 70's and have never stopped tractor farming since. Census figures have shown California leading the nation in number of tractors per 100,000 acres of cultivated land; nearest to horseless farming of all the United States. It is nothing uncommon



The Diesel Engine Is Equally at Home as a Power Plant for the Farm or for the Heavy-Duty Truck on the Highway

from there east, practically every state has one or more on some large farm holding, with many others scattered in heavy construction work like the Mississippi river levees or road building.

All up and down the Pacific coast, from Seattle to San Diego, the Diesel engined truck and the butane-burning truck have been fighting the battle of lower cost transportation fuels for freighting. While the

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routes are mountainous and long, modern highway building cuts down grades. straightens curves and makes it tougher and tougher for the railroads to hold their freight business.

firm, the Pacific Freight Lines, in Los



The Farmer Above Covers a Lot of Ground in a Day with This Diesel Tractor; Below, Diesel Power Unit Mounted on a Truck for Use in the Oil Fields

Angeles, now running seventy-five Diesel engined trucks. According to L. V. Branch, office manager, the Diesels have cut operating costs of trucks 2.78 cents a mile. This firm bought its first Diesel in June, 1933. Now, there is a rival firm across the street with fifteen Diesel trucks and they say they could use as many more. Business is again profitable to the Diesel engined truck where it's questionable on much of it with old equipment.

Savage Transportation Co., San Francisco, which pioneered the Diesel truck on the coast, buying its first in October, 1932, now has 175,000 miles on each of five Cummins engined trucks. They claim a bigger

saving than does the Pacific-about seventy-five per cent, they figure. With first cost so high, however, they do not expect to see the Diesel truck sweep all opposition away overnight. Like the tractor, the truck must get in

a lot of hours and

miles of work to pay out the extra cost. There are only 800 Diesel trucks in the country today, due perhaps to the high first cost. In the tractor field, the Diesel has been a big success and the farmer in a position to keep large tractors busy has been the gainer, as also has been the hauler of long-distance freight who operates twelve months of every year.

What's around the corner in Diesels for light trucks and small tractors is in the laboratories and test fields of some of the big manufacturers at this very minute, perhaps. They are all working on it. So are the auto engineers of firms with names that are household words.

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SCOOTER TO HELP SWIMMER IS BUILT FROM KIT





Two Views of Water Scooter in Use; Top, Note How Easily It Can Be Handled

For water sport, learning to swim or life-saving, a lightweight craft is available in kit form. It is the kind of scooter that will support a 300-pound swimmer and can be used for riding the surf, racing and some forms of aquaplaning. A double-V bottom gives it speed and steadiness in surf or still water. The scooter is non-sinkable. Weighing only fifteen pounds, it can be handled easily in the water.

FILM MAKES COLOR PHOTOS IN ANY SIZE CAMERA

Natural color photographs can be produced in any size camera by using a new type film that requires no special equipment. A precise machine prints three primary colors, red, green and blue, on the film support, bleaches and then dries it. The colors are applied in criss-cross lines, resulting in a mosaic of colors, but the pattern is extremely minute. In a single square inch of film surface, there are more than 1,500,000 interstices between the color lines. These "holes" act as lenses which admit white light and produce blends of

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the three colors in addition to reproducing whites or blacks. By reversal from negative to positive during the developing process, the image becomes a colored transparency which may be projected in natural color by any standard still or motion-picture projector. The tri-color screen is so fine that color separation negatives may be made directly for gravure or halftone reproduction without screen interference. Printing the films on ordinary white paper, such as is used for snapshots, has not been developed to its highest efficiency and further research is necessary before perfect reproductions can be made on print paper. The film, called Dufaycolor, is available for Leica, Contax, Nettel and similar cameras, and will be offered in thirty-five and sixteen millimeter sizes for movies, and in commercial photography sizes up to eight by ten.

BIRD FED IN OWNER'S ABSENCE BY AUTOMATIC CUPS

Automatic food and water dispensers for bird cages make it possible for owners to leave their canaries at home without attention for several days. The fountain, working on a vacuum principle, keeps the water in the trough at the same level as long as the connecting glass bulb is filled. Made of pure iron, the trough introduces tonic iron into water passing through it, keeping the birds healthy. The granary cup supplies seeds automatically.



Cage with Automatic Fountain, Right, and Grain Cup, Left, for Feeding Canaries

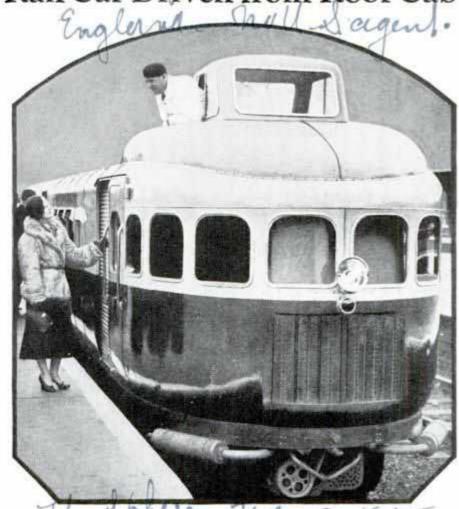
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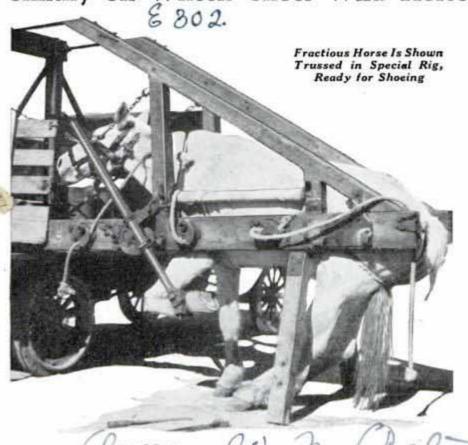
Rubber-Tired Rail Car Driven from Roof Cab

Riding smoothly and almost without noise, the latest rail car is equipped with sixteen pneumatictired wheels. Its driver occupies an observation tower or cab built into the roof to give a clear view of the track. Powered by a gasoline engine, the car has a top speed of seventy miles per hour. It can be accelerated to fifty miles per hour in 1,000 yards or stopped in 120 yards. Constructed in France, the car has been tested for fast inter-city rail service in England. The new rubber-tired car is another entry in Europe's race for fast transportation at lew cost.

Driver in Cab Atop Latest Rail Car Prepares to Open Door for Passenger; Capable of High Speed, This Car Can Be Stopped Quickly in Emergencies



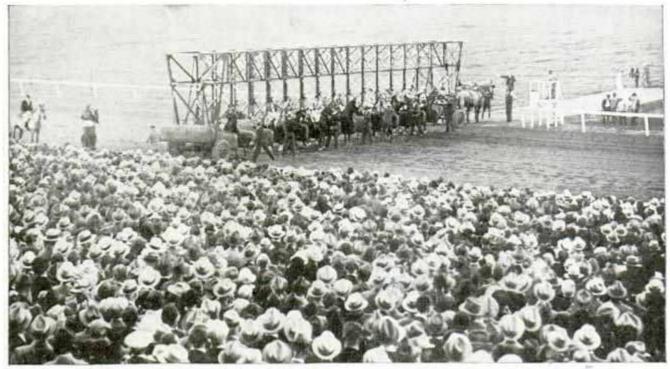
Smithy on Wheels Shoes Wild Horses in Special Rig



How to shoe wild horses without injury to the animal or handlers is the problem solved by the inventor of a blacksmith shop on wheels. The smithy is equipped with a rig into which a fractious horse is trussed before the blacksmith goes to work with hammer and anvil. A combination of gears, lifts and pulleys holds the animal securely. In addition, the shop, mounted on a truck, contains bellows, charcoal and other equipment. It is operated in California, where the owner makes the rounds of the ranches after periodic roundups of range horses.

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The SPORT of KINGS



"THEY'RE at the post! They're off!"
The response from the crowd when the horses break from the stalls and pound down the track in one of the oldest of sports is the same today as fifty years ago. But there's a difference now.

Modern science has come to the aid of horse racing. The start, the race, the finish —even the betting—are guided and controlled by mechanical devices.

Timing is no longer left to the stop watch, accurate to only about one-fifth of a second, but is checked by an electric clock actuated by photo-electric light cells. When, closely bunched, the horses flash across the finish line, the result is judged from photographic records taken at split-second intervals. The betting is entirely mechanically controlled; each ticket sold is added to the total and automatically the odds against the particular horse are changed.

The real start of a race is not when the horses leave the starting gate. Fifty to 150 feet in front of the gate is the first light ray across the track. When that is broken by the leading horse a clock mechanism is started, a picture of the time reading is automatically taken, and the race has begun.

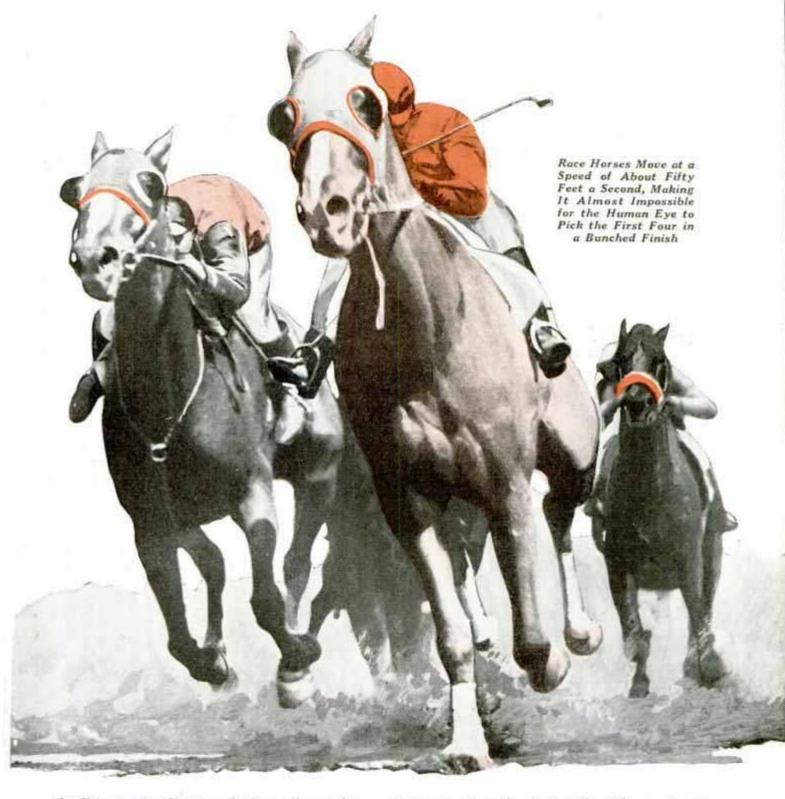
The purpose of the starting gate is to



An Evenly Matched Pair, and the Line Up of the Horses in the Starting Gate

give the starter a chance to get the restive thoroughbreds into some kind of a line, and give the horses a "running start" for better speed records. No tapes spring up these days, no barriers are raised—just a

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shrill tone simultaneously from three electric bells, and the horses are off. Then the gate is rolled out of the way to be hauled to its position for the next race.

The photo-electric ray broken at the starting line makes the first of a series of accurate timing records in each race. Other rays at each sixteenth-mile post are broken in turn and the clock reading photographed. Thus "form" information accurate to within one-thousandth of a second is made available. These form records are important to the owners and judges as well as to the public. Horses differ. One may 8157

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This Is "Twenty Grand," Going Places in a Hurry; Note the Position of the Jockey in Encouraging His Mount

take things easy until he comes to the home stretch, and then begin to show his real speed; another may have a tendency to expend all his energy at the start. Then too, if the records show a certain horse covered part of the course in far better

time than his rivals and yet finished far back of the leaders, the judges know something is wrong. Probably the horse belonged in a better class, and was being held back to "build up" the betting odds on him.

Race horses run a mile in a minute and forty seconds or better that means they move fifty feet a second. When a bunch comes thundering across the finish line at that speed, often with two or three leaders neck and neck, trying to pick them by eye in the right order is a tough job. It is not only the winner that has to be noted, but the second and third

horses, which pay "place" and "show" bets, and the fourth, which pays the stable and jockey part of the purse. Most errors in judging formerly were made on the third and fourth.

Now, as the horses near the finish, an auxiliary light ray is broken to start a high-speed motion-picture camera, focused on the finish line, and the pictures catch the horses at approximately every six inches. Going a step farther, a Western Electric camera timer takes more than 100 double frames per second, to provide a record about every two inches.

At the Santa Anita track in California, the camera is located on the roof of the grandstand, 200 feet from the track. At the end of each "take," the film is sent to the developing room and in two minutes or less it has been developed, and two views of each of the first four horses, wet enlarged under hypo, are shot

down on a wire carrier to the judges' stand. The records of the timing clock appear on the edge of each print, eliminating any question as to the order in which the horses finished. Two views of each horse are provided because, even with a camera

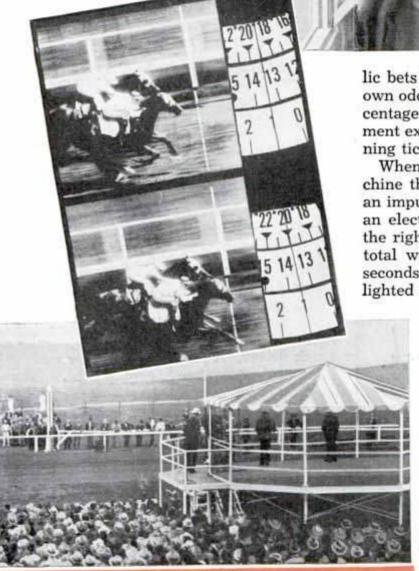


Note the "Tote" Board in the Background Which Automatically Registers Betting Totals and Odds

that takes photos at two or three inch intervals, it is seldom that one shows a horse's nose right on the line. The first view may show it an inch from the line, the other an inch or two over.

The results of a race are not "official" until several minutes after the finish, when

the jockeys have finished weighing in and the judges have given the final word. Formerly, they compared notes and agreed on a decision; now they examine the photos. In close decisions, the enlarged prints are sometimes posted so spectators may see for themselves just what happened. There is no questioning a



A Close Finish Seen through the Camera's Eye, and the Camera Room at One of the Tracks

set of photographs showing the clock readings along one side.

The totalizator, a huge all-electric "cash register" that automatically keeps track of the betting and posts the changing results, came as a result of pari-mutuel wagering. In this method of betting control, the public bets into a pool and thereby makes its own odds. From the total of all bets a percentage is deducted for taxes and management expenses, and the holders of the winning tickets divide the balance.

When a clerk presses on his ticket machine the number of the horse called for, an impulse flashes to a "tote" room where an electrical distributor whirls around to the right slot, and the bet is added to the total wagered on that horse. Every few seconds a large indicator board changes its lighted figures to show the new results.

> The tote could be so regulated that each bet would show instantly on the board, but this would cause a flickering of the figures and make reading them difficult.

Better starting, more accurate timing, and mistake-proof judging of finishes, together with mechanical handling of betting, are doing away with much of the public's distrust of the way racing is conducted. Even where strict honesty was the policy, the human eye was no infallible judge of anything as close as the finish of a horse race can be; and without accurate form information, picking the right horse in the betting -

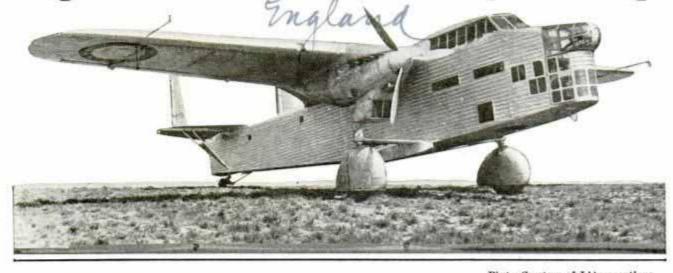
was at best no more than a good guess.

Now all the guesswork has been eliminated in selecting the winners, and the making of odds, formerly distrusted because of the opportunities for dishonesty, is likewise mechanical. Thus science has helped elevate the sport of kings.

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Huge French Bomber Also Transports Troops



This Huge Bombing Plane, One of the Latest to Be Completed in France, Is Similar to Giant Freight Ships in Use in Some Countries; the Bomber Has Space for Transporting Soldiers in Emergencies

Closely resembling a big freight or express plane, one of the latest French bombing aircraft has space to carry a large number of troops. It is powered by two engines. Fighting platforms have roofs and sides of armor plate, with bullet-proof glass. One feature is the machine gunner's post in the nose of the giant fighting ship, a compartment with plenty of windows to give full visibility. The machine gun can be swung in a wide arc to give protection to the front surfaces of the plane.

Big Trailer for Hundred-Foot Logs Is Steered from Rear

Designed for hauling 100-foot logs, the latest trailer is steered from the rear, facilitating the movement of truck and trailer over narrow roads, around sharp curves and down steep hills. The trailer has four

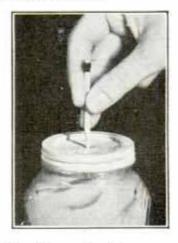
Top, Truck and Big Log Trailer; Bottom, Rear End Steering for Turning Curves

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wheels. Pivots in the bearings of the load make it easier to negotiate curves. A man riding a small seat at the rear of the trailer steers the front wheels. Wires to the horn of the truck enable him to signal the truck driver. A rear-vision mirror and a hand brake complete his equipment.

MATCH LOOSENS FRUIT-JAR CAP FOR EASY REMOVAL

Nothing except a match is needed by the housewife to loosen a fruitjar cap used to close jars containing food packed in a vacuum. A rubber sealing ring, a small rubber valve ring and a metal spring clip, together with the cap it-



self, make up the unit. Atmospheric pressure exerted against the diaphragm of the can compresses the rubber valve against

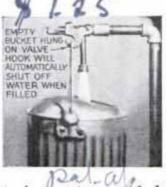
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the clip. Inserting the match in the top of the cap presses down on the spring clip, releasing the valve and admitting air into the chamber. With the vacuum broken, the cap can be removed with the fingers. The cap is not injured by removal and affords an effective reseal until the contents of the jar have been used.

FAUCET SHUTS OFF THE WATER WHEN BUCKET IS FULL

Fitted with an attachment for holding the bucket, the latest water faucet automatically shuts off when the bucket is full. A horizontal stem contains a spring which



stops the flow after three gallons have passed through the outlet, this being sufficient to fill the standard water bucket. The spring can be adjusted to a lesser or greater flow. A hose at-

tachment is provided for a steady flow. In the home, the faucet is handy for the housewife drawing water for the laundry. Filling station attendants also will find the attachment a convenience.

OF PLASTIC COMPOUND

Consisting of a strong metal frame into which is placed a cartridge of plastic, a new calking gun operates under high pressure. When full, its weight is such that it

can be operated quickly with one hand. It holds twice as much calking compound as some hand guns and develops many times the pressure through its gear and rack-driven piston. The cartridges are filled



and sealed at the factory, making it possible to carry extra ones in the clothing. When the workman empties one cartridge, he inserts a fresh one without leaving the job, resulting in a saving of time.

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SCENT MEASURED FOR HUNTER BY ELECTRIC INDICATOR

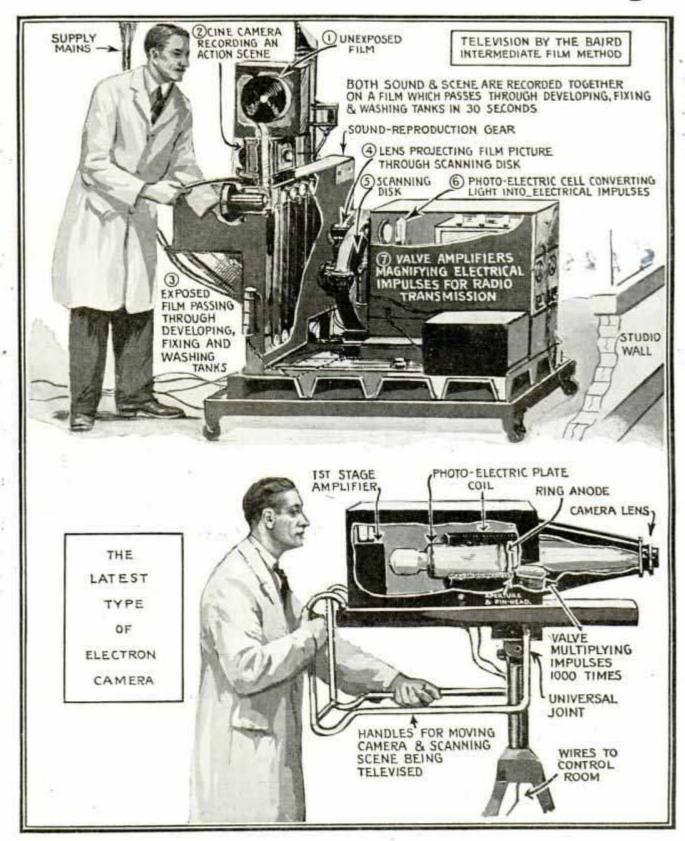


Scent Indicator in Use; Information Obtained with the Device May Aid Hunters

To aid in studying the relations of weather conditions to scent, H. M. Budgett, English hunter, has devised an electric scent indicator. This instrument registers the difference in temperature between the air and the ground. It shows that any sudden fall in the air temperature causes the scent to be good, while a sudden rise causes it to be bad. Scent is usually bad when the sun is shining brightly, it is uncertain when a high wind is blowing and obliterated by heavy rain, according to the indicator. The equipment also shows that scent is good on snow that has fallen before a freeze. Information obtained by the experimenter is expected to aid hunters.

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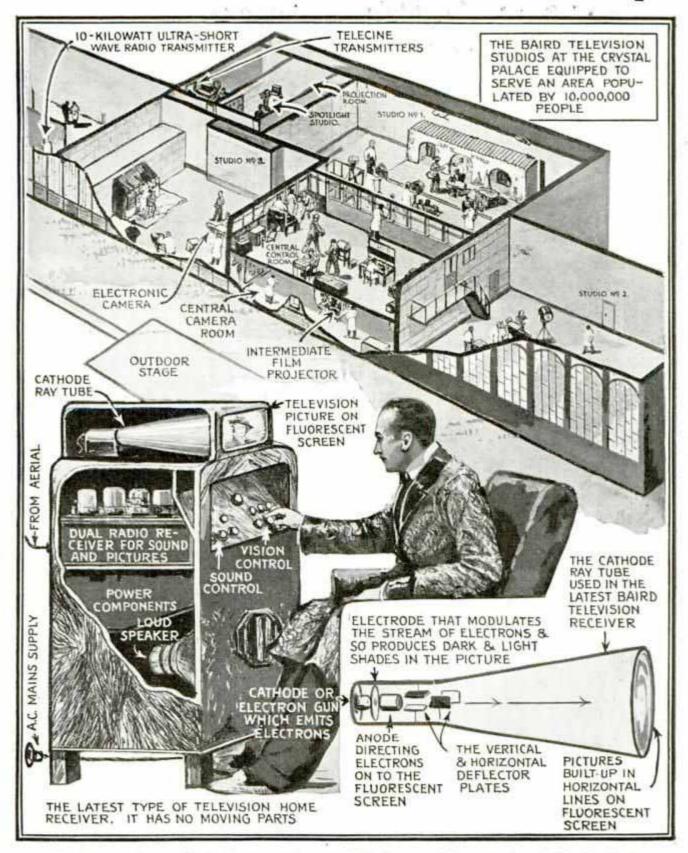
Electron Camera "Shoots" Television Images



Television Will Be Made Available to 10,000,000 People This Year by a London Station Which Will Alternate the Baird and Marconi Systems of Transmission; the Baird System Uses Four Types of Transmitters; the Intermediate Film Apparatus Records Both Sound and Scene on One Film, Which Is Projected through a Lens by Light from an Arc onto a Photo-Electric Cell Which Converts the Light Impulses into Electrical Impulses for Transmitting by Short-Wave Radio; a Telecine Disk Transmitter Accommodates Ordinary Sound Films and a Spotlight Transmitter, Used for Close-Ups, Projects a Spot of Light onto the Person Being Televised, This Spot Traveling Rapidly over Face and Figure, Reflected Shades of Light Impinge on Photo-Electric Cells Which Convert the Light Tones into Electrical Impulses That Are Amplified and Sent by Radio

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London Station to Serve Ten Million People



The Electron Camera Is the Greatest Advance in This System of Transmission; It Has No Moving Parts; the Scene Is Recorded through a Camera Lens and Impinges on a Photo-Electric Plate for Conversion into Electrons; the Electrons Are Vibrated, Pass a Small Aperture, Strike a Metal Pinhead, and Set Up Minute Electrical Impulses Varying with the Light Tones Received; These Are Broadcast by Ultra-Short Waves and Reconverted into the Scene Televised; the Cathode-Ray Tube Is Used in the Latest Type of Home Receiver; It Receives the Signals at Its Narrow End and Fires Them in a Stream of Electrons onto a Disk-Electrode; an Anode Directs the Stream onto a Fluorescent Screen at the Wide End of the Tube and as the Electrons Strike the Screen, They Become Points of Light and, with Great Rapidity, Reconstruct the Picture

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Giant Truck Will Carry "Mail Order" House



Sketch of Proposed Truck and Trailer for Transporting Ready-Cut House from Factory to Home Site;
Note the Double-Decked Driving Compartment in Which Crew Is Housed

For the delivery of complete prefabricated houses to all parts of the United States, a special tractor-trailer unit is planned. The trucking arrangement is intended to serve a house manufacturing company in which Alfred P. Sloan of General Motors and other industrialists are interested. According to plans, each of the 1,500 proposed vehicles will carry one complete house ready for assembly, two

drivers, a master mechanic and a building supervisor. Sleeping accommodations above the seat will enable the crew to travel night and day, speeding up the movement from one site to another. Local labor will erect the houses, supervised by the crew from the factory or distribution point. The houses, which will be low-cost, modern residences, can be completely assembled, ready for occupancy, in two weeks.

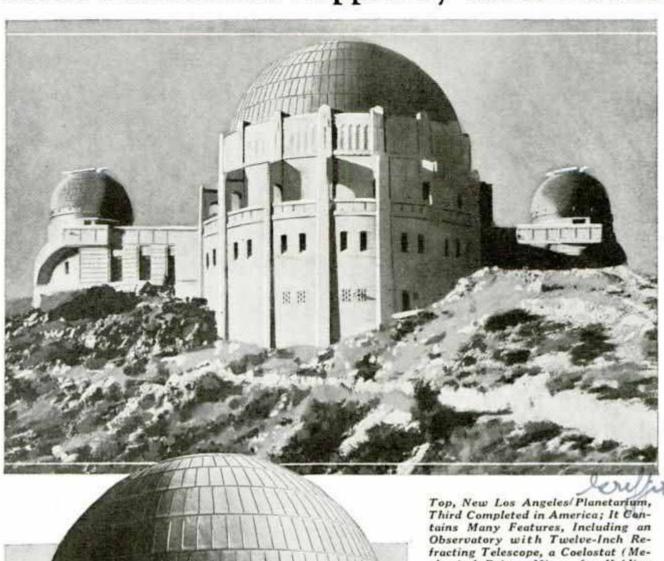
Closeup of Gunner Aiming Twin Barrels in Plane; Angle of Photo Produces Strange, Warlike Appearance

FLYER RESEMBLES GRIM "MAN OF MARS" AS HE AIMS GUNS

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Photographed at an unusual angle as he trained the barrels of his machine gun on an imaginary foe, a member of the Soviet air force appeared to resemble the mythical "man from Mars." The twin barrels of the gun seemed to be antennæ attached to the head of the Martian visitor, giving the pilot's face a strange grimness. The range finders, swivels and other trappings of the plane's guns indicate the progress that is being made by the Soviet air force.

Latest Planetarium Topped by Three Domes



chanical Driven Mirror for Holding Image of Star) and Pendulum for Demonstrating Earth's Rotation

Above, Planetarium Dome and Roof Terrace; the Ceiling of This Dome, One of Three Topping the Structure, Is Plaster Hung from Steel and Concrete Frame of Outer Dome; Silhouette around This Dome Represents Mountain and Sea Scenery of California; Lighting Troughs Permit Simulation of Sunrise or Sunset; Light Pockets Are Arranged to Make It Appear That Stars Actually Pass behind the Mountains; Right, Stairs Leading to Observation Promenade around Great Dome; Reinforced Mass Concrete Construction Is Used to Increase Resistance to Earthquakes

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Myron Dresser, a Telephone Lineman, Who Worked during the St. Francis Dam Disaster Repairing Broken Lines Although He Knew His Home Was in the Danger Area and His Family Was Threatened; His Home Was Swept Away but His Family Was Saved



FIRES, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes—these are some of the hazards that bring drama into the work of telephone employes. Keeping communication lines open during disasters is a vital matter. As long as nature behaves herself, as long as things go along normally, the work of the lineman, the operator, and the man on the test board is routine, but when trouble begins heroes are made.

When fire swept through the Cleveland Clinic, in 1929, the telephone employes

stuck to their posts and kept the lines open, greatly facilitating the rescue work, while more than 120 persons died around them. In the wake of the fire, explosions shook the building. Poisonous chemical fumes billowed through the halls. Gladys Gibson, branch exchange operator, stayed at her position calling ambulances and the fire and police departments. Rescuers found her crumpled over the switchboard. The cords plugged into lines throughout the building bore mute witness to her efforts to spread the alarm, while a window a few feet away provided a means of escape, had she preferred to take it. The usual award of the phone company for valiant action

was used to erect a fitting memorial.

Gerald Mahaffey, Walton Turner, Benjamin Spaeth, James Roonan—these are names of other telephone employes on the Cleveland Clinic roll of honor. Dampened handkerchiefs over mouths and noses, they went again and again into the building, carrying out victims and keeping up communication service from the switchboard.

Saticoy, Calif., was in the path of a wall of water sweeping down from the bursting St. Francis Dam, Mrs. Althea Marks,

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warned of the disaster, stayed at her switchboard calling residents of the threatened Santa Clara valley, sending messengers to those she could not reach by phone. After the flood had subsided, she continued for three days and two nights without respite to direct the relief workers in the stricken area. In the same disaster a lineman swam through the flood, a line end tied around his waist, to reestablish a broken circuit. Another worked on for hours although he knew his own home and family were in the danger area, and might have been swept away.

The Bell Telephone company recognizes heroic acts of individual employes by giving gold, silver, or bronze medals and cash awards from the Theodore N. Vail

The Test Men at the Switchboard Are Always on the Alert for Trouble and Have Saved the Lives of Telephone Users; Below, When One of These Cable Cars Contacted a Trolley Wire, Another Hero Was Made 884



memorial fund, but when southern California was rocked by earthquakes in 1933, practically all employes in the area performed outstanding service, and a group award of a special plaque was made. Typical of the spirit shown was an incident in an exchange in the center of the disturbance. A call had been sent out for volunteers to aid harrassed operators. Among many others one woman, a former employe, responded and was assigned a station. Some time later the superintendent noticed she was so nervous she could hardly go ahead with the board. He learned she had left her baby ill at home, in the care of its bedfast and helpless grandmother. She was excused.

At the Long Beach toll office, a water tank on the roof had been turned over by the first tremor and volumes of water were pouring down through the operating room. A chandelier crashed, narrowly missing some of the operators. Falling debris littered the floor. In the darkened room, with only the switchboard lights to provide illumination, and with hastily thrown up

timbers supporting the walls, the operators worked until finally ordered to leave the building.

Major disasters like these sometimes bring the work of the telephone employes to public notice. But day in and day out scattered instances of the same type occur and are recorded only in the company reports. A woman, succumbing to the effects of leaking gas, groped her way to the phone and knocked it over before she collapsed. A telephone patrolman, always on the alert for trouble, cut in on the line to learn why the receiver was off. Turning in a powerful set of batteries, he amplified the sound on the open line until the labored breathing of the woman became clearly audible. Minutes later a repair man, with the help of a neighbor, broke into



A Lineman at Work, the Vail Medal Award Plaque and Mrs. Althea Marks, Who Stuck to Her Post during the St. Francis Dam Disaster

the house and rescued the woman. Sometimes it is the operator who senses trouble. Alarmed by a woman's weak voice and her failure to hang up the receiver, an operator had the test board man cut in with the "howler tone," a gradually increasing sound that calls the subscriber's attention to the fact that the line is open. Getting no response, she called a doctor, who arrived in time to save the woman, suffering from an overdose of medicine.

The work of telephone linemen and repairmen, in spite of safeguards, is not always safe. High-voltage lines near by are an ever-present hazard. One repairman was inspecting overhead cables when the cable car in which he was riding came into contact with a trolley wire. A fellow work. man, on the ground nearly fifty feet away, heard his cry in time to run beneath and catch the man as he fell, saving him from possible death.

Another lineman, encumbered with a heavy tool box and climbers, fell into a flood-swollen river. His companion jumped from a twenty-foot trestle, brought the victim to the surface and fought his way through floating debris to the river bank but, with his helpless burden, he was unable to reach firm ground. Climbing on the submerged branches of a tree, he hauled the unconscious man out of the water, cast off the equipment and swam with him to where some logs had lodged against a tree. There he applied artificial respiration, restoring the man to consciousness, and together they made the shore.

All linemen are trained in the principles of first aid and artificial respiration, and many times this knowledge has been used to save lives. And not always is it a fellow workman who benefits. In Boston, James Geagan was laying conduit near a drawbridge under which a diver was working. Hearing cries for help, Geagan ran to the

SCRAPER IS HANDY FOR HOME OR THE WORKSHOP

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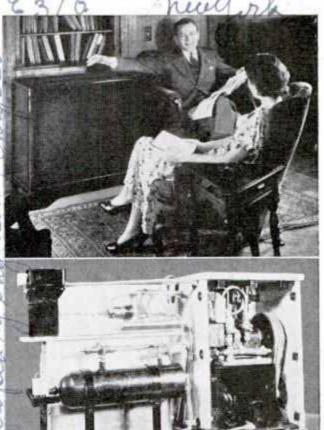
Useful in the home or workshop, a small scraper with three interchangeable blades is on the market. The blades can be re-



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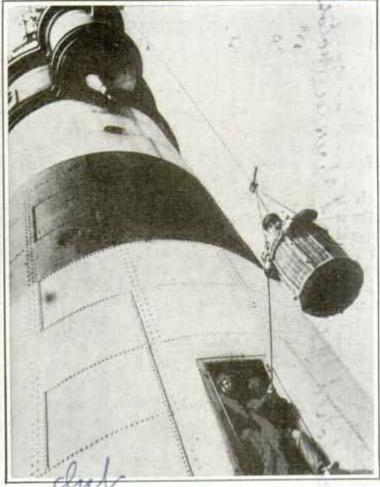
curved. The tool is invaluable for removcarvings, moldings and picture frames.

FITS UNDER WINDOW, SILL



Top, Latest Room Air Conditioner; Bottom, Conditioner with Cabinet Removed

Compact and so low in height that it fits below the window sill of the average home or office, a self-contained air-conditioning unit is ready for the market. Its capacity I is sufficient for one large room. Semiportable, it can be moved from place to place if a change of residence is desired. The unit is practically noiseless. Motor and compressor are mounted on a separate frame from one supporting the coils, and the entire unit is mounted on a cork base. edges restored. Quantities of rubber, springs and sound-One blade at the absorption material are used to insure time is used, each quietness. Switches on top of the cabinet being reversible, make operation easy. Almost at the and the three "touch of a button," it is possible to have blades give six the air cooled, dehumidified, circulated scraping edges, and filtered. Installation is comparatively three straight, simple. Water taps and drains may be one "V" and two rutilized for water circulation. House current supplies the power. At slight extra ing paint, varnish, grease or any foreign cost, coils can be installed to produce warm substance from furniture, cabinet work, air in winter, the connection being made to the standard heating system.



Lighthouse Keeper Taking a Ride in Basket Elevator Used to Haul Up Provisions from Supply Ship

BASKET ELEVATOR LOWERS LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER

Lighthouse keepers at the "Red Sand," one of the best known lighthouses in the North sea, take a ride in a basket elevator every two months when a supply ship arrives to change crews. The lighthouses stands on a lofty rock and the basket is used to lower the crew from the tower to the supply boat and to carry the relief men' to their posts from the ship. The same basket also raises supplies from the boa to the lighthouse.

SKI-SKATES GIVE SPEEDY RIDE OVER SNOW AND ICE

One of the latest winter sports in Switzerland is ski-skating. Skh

shoes like skates. They have an ice contact surface about two feet in length and give an exceptionally speedy ride on the ice and snow-covered slopes.

ELECTRIC AUTO BRAKES OPERATED BY CAR BATTERY

Electromagnetic brakes that work off the battery have been developed for the automobile. In tests, the brakes have drawn from one to five amperes of current while in use, not enough to impair the battery's efficiency. The brake consists of an internal expanding brake unit, inside of which a powerful electromagnet is suspended at the end of a yoke. Depressing the brake pedal reduces resistance in a rheostat, allowing the current to energize the magnet and clamping it against a steel plate that is mounted integral with the brake drum. As the magnet is pulled in the direction of the revolving wheel, the fulcrum yoke on which it is mounted operates a

cam that expands the brake. Only light pressure on the brake pedal is necessary. The system has been found capable of



Pointing to Magnet Which Sets Brakes When Brake Pedal Releases Battery Current

skates are shaped stopping a car traveling twenty miles per like small hour in five feet. The brakes operate even with turned up when there is not enough current to turn points and are the starter. In case of battery failure, the clamped to the system draws power from the generator.

Picture of Airliner Shows an Iron Monster

When a photographer began snapping pictures of mechanics as they worked on one of the airliners of Transcontinental and Western Air, he had no idea of obtaining a view of a man-eating monster. But when he developed one of the negatives showing a mechanic cleaning the metal nose of one of the 200-mile-an-hour Douglas ships, he found to his amazement that the photograph, when it was turned upside down, showed the mechanic about to be swallowed up by a monster with glaring eyes, a blunt nose and a huge mouth, as seen in the accompanying picture.



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Turn This Picture Upside Down and You Will Obtain an Odd Illusion of an Iron Monster Swallowing a Man in One Big Gulp

Handy High-Speed Grinder Weighs Less than Two Pounds

Rated at 50,000 revolutions per minute, the latest electric grinder weighs slightly less than two pounds. It develops onequarter horsepower. In addition to grinding, it is adapted to milling, circular filing, reaming, routing, carving and other work. Equipped with straight or spiral mills, it

Lightweight Grinder in Use; Its High Speed Makes

— It Efficient on Many Jobs

cuts oil grooves without burring the bearing surfaces. As a portable unit, the grinder is very useful to the die maker. Lubrication is automatic.

FLOWERS IN "CELLOPHANE" BOX GIVEN BETTER DISPLAY

Flowers, or other contents, can be displayed to better advantage in a box constructed with Cellophane top and sides.

Known as "peekpack," the box
gives full view of
its contents, a desirable feature for
advertising purposes or for decoration. Flowers
packed in such a
box can be seen
and enjoyed without unpacking,



until ready for wearing or arranging in vase. The transparent paper composing top and sides is supported by cardboard bottom and cardboard ribs. Boxes of this type can be made up in collapsible form.

Hilmer V. Dwenson

PHANTOM RAIDERS

CONCEALED by nothing but their coloring, two camouflaged planes on the ground eluded the vigilant eyes of the crews of six observation planes sent up to search for them during a test at the army air corps base in Hawaii. The observation ships spent one and one-half hours in hunting and not one spotted the camouflaged aircraft.

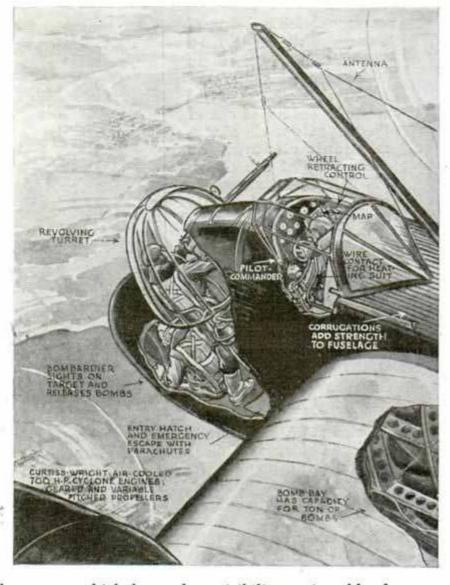
The camouflaging of aircraft is one of the finer arts of aerial warfare. It contemplates not only the hiding of planes on the ground, but the hiding of them in the sky from anti-aircraft guns and other planes. Planes thus camouflaged become real "phantom raiders of the air."

The color depends upon the purpose. Bombers, attackers, pursuits and observation planes have different duties. Attack planes fly low and bombers fly high. Pursuits are chasers and observation planes ferret out enemy positions. Attack planes are camouflaged against earth background so they cannot be seen from above, bombers against a sky background and darkness, for air raids at night.

pursuits against the sunlight and observation planes against daylight.

The purpose of color camouflage is to decrease the visibility. If the plane is finished in only one color this objective cannot be realized. Camouflage means the breaking up of the outline so that it is impossible for a gunner to silhouette the plane against the sky, clouds or ground. The irregular figures he sees destroy the true shape and outline of the plane.

The upper and lower surfaces are camouflaged, one against the terrain, the other against the sky. For the upper surface the best colors are tan, blue-green and mauve purple. These blend with the earth colors, the tan running in with plowed fields and roads, the blue-green with the foliage of trees and growing crops, while purple,



which has a low visibility rating, blends with the falling shadows of evening and the aspects of the earth after rain.

The upper surfaces of the top and lower wings are earth simulated. This is accomplished by dividing the surfaces into three irregular sections, with large curving outlines. To these sections the three colors are applied. They are brought back along the upper part of the fuselage to the tail surfaces. This mottled effect reduces the visibility of a plane from above. The tan section blends with the earth colors and leaves only the darker sections discernible. Their irregularity finishes the job of confusion. The plane's outline is lost to the eye of the detector.

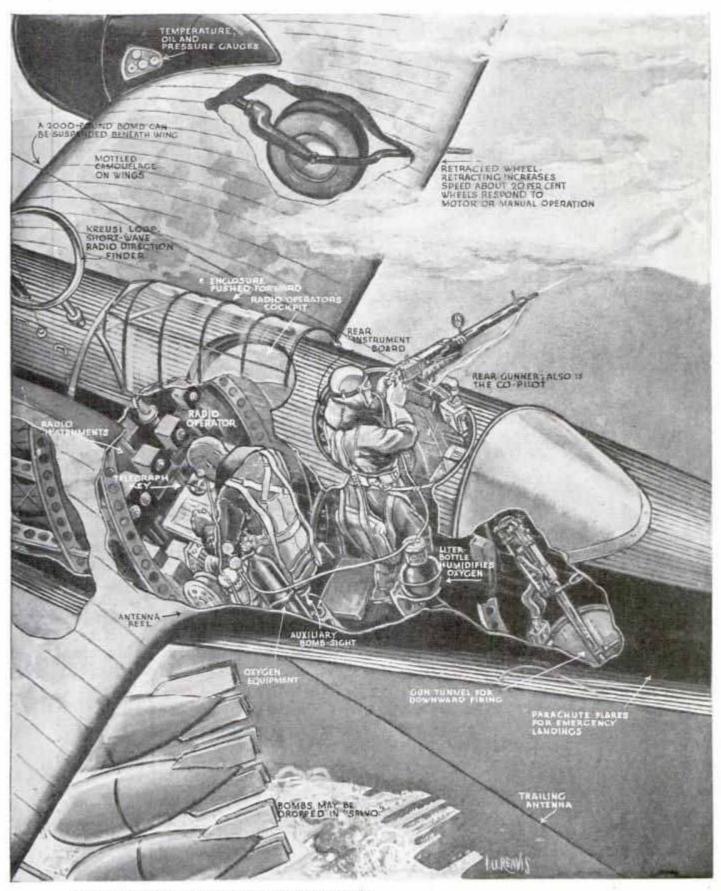
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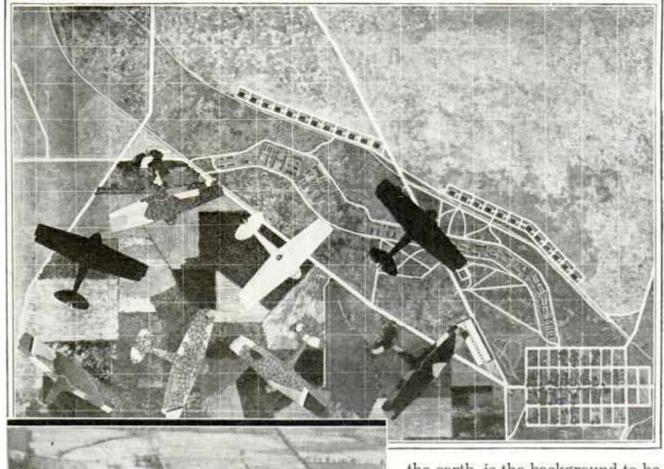
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Drawing Executed through Courtesy Army Air Corps Officials

Details of One of Army's Camouflaged Martin Bombers Which Can Ascend to High Altitude with Ton of Bombs, Shut Off Motors and Attack Before Its Presence Is Discovered

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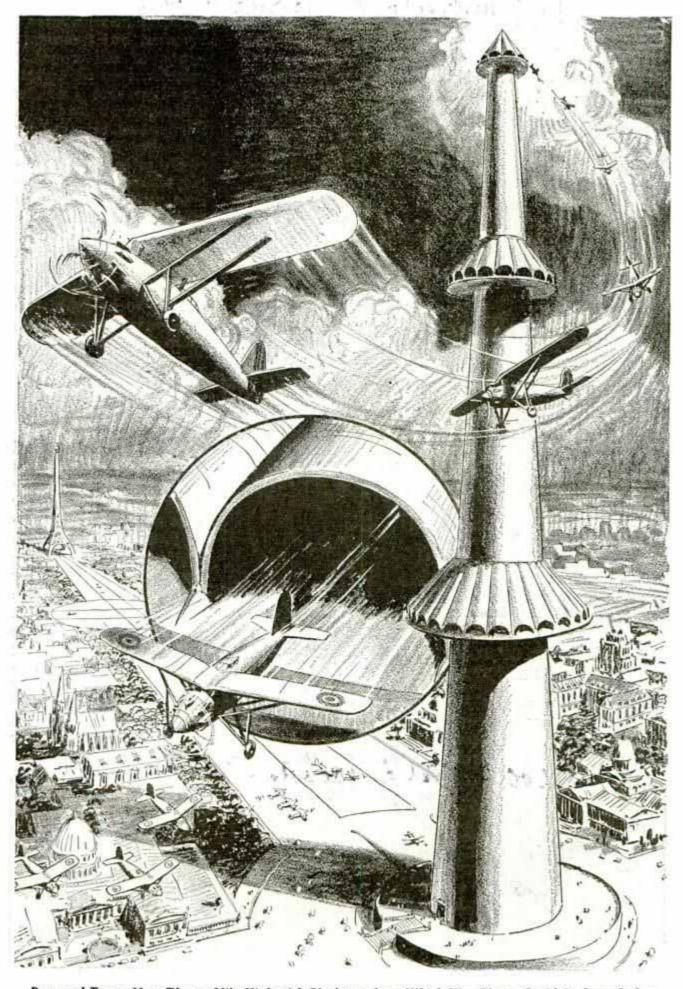


Top, Models of Camouflaged Planes against Various Backgrounds; Note How the Ships Blend with Their Surroundings; Below, Bombers Camouflaged to Fly over Terrain

the earth, is the background to be filtered against. Flying against the blue sky, a plane presents a solid silhouette. To blot out its visibility to anti-aircraft gunners on the ground, burnished aluminum, light blue, light purple and white are used. The aluminum reflects light and brightens the under surface. The white assists in this while the light blue and light purple carry out the sky dissimulation. The under surface combinations are put on in small areas which, quite remarkably, blend into a solid color at heights of half a mile. This has the effect of lightening the under surfaces of the plane when projected against the background of the sky. Shadows, formed by the wings on the fuselage, are taken care of by brightening the plane at this point with aluminum finish. The landing gear is touched up also.

Planes so treated become invisible at heights of 10,000 feet. Those not treated are visible at 17,000 feet. This means decreasing the

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Proposed Tower More Than a Mile High with Platforms from Which War Planes Could Be Launched at Various Heights; Elevators Would Carry the Ships to the Launching Chutes

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Two Forerunners of the Automobile Built More Than Forty Years Ago; Each Had Features Incorporated in Cars Today

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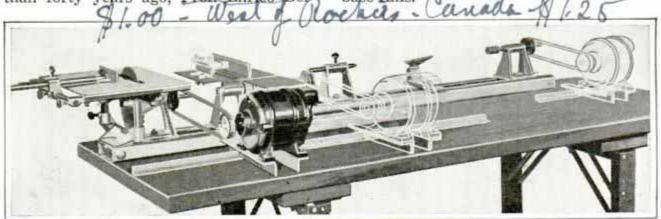
Some of the earliest "horseless carriages," while crude in appearance, had features incorporated in today's cars. More than forty years ago, Prof. Enrico Ber-

nardi, Italian scientist and inventor, built several types of self-propelled vehicles, two of which are shown here. One was a bicycle pushed by a third wheel revolved by a gasoline engine. Some of the principles he employed are still considered good practice. The spark plug in his engine is similar to those used today. The three-wheeled vehicle had a single control which enabled the driver to go from top speed to braking and stop, all in one operation.

PORTABLE BASE FOR MOTOR SAVES TIME

Eliminating the need for line shafts, hangers and loose belts, an inexpensive portable motor base saves time and money in the workshop. The motor can be shifted easily to drive the circular saw, the planer, the lathe and other equipment. These changes are made

by simply lifting the motor and changing its position on the bench rail fastened to the workbench. Changing pulleys or changing belt center requires only a few seconds. The belt tension can be adjusted by means of the notches cut in the motor base rails.



Motor on Portable Base Is Shown in Black; Phantom Views Show Other Applications Possible Only by Using Portable Base; Tension of Belts Can Be Adjusted by Means of Notches in Base Rails

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Home Craftsman Starts Egg-Rack Business



When Cranston Jones heard his wife complaining about the amount of space taken up in the refrigerator by a bowl, wire basket, paper bag or cardboard box of eggs, he began experimenting in his home workshop. After trying many different styles of egg holders, he evolved a double-decked rack that pleased his wife. Relatives and friends saw it and put in orders. Churches and other organizations began to demand the handy racks and a profitable business developed in the workshop. The inventor frequently has to em-

ploy assistants to help fill rush orders, and special jigs, tools and paint-dipping machines have been devised to speed up operations. The rack, holding fourteen eggs, measures thirteen inches long, two and one-half inches wide and five and one-half inches high. It is made of brass coated with white porcelain enamel.

¶Popular Mechanics Magazine does not publish the name of the maker of, or dealer in, any device described in its pages, but this information will be furnished by our Bureau of Information upon request, accompanied by stamped envelope.



Clearing Away Vines from Wall by Portable Weed Burner That Throws a Hot Flame

WEEDS DESTROYED BY BURNER IN PORTABLE UNIT

Easy to carry from place to place, a weed burner solves the problem of clearing land. It throws a fan-shaped flame that mushrooms against the ground, stone wall or rock pile to "melt" every growing plant within its range. One model of the burner is self-contained for one-man operation. It has a tank that holds oil for one and one-half hours' work. The handle is constructed for attachment of a shoulder strap or webbing to facilitate carrying. The torch also can be used for sterilizing poultry houses, dog kennels and stables.

WASHING MACHINE KEPT LEVEL

Washing machines can be locked in level position by a simple cupped wedge that

requires no lifting of the washer. Since it prevents crawling or creeping of the machine, the wedge reduces vibration, assures quieter operation, and prolongs the life of the washer.

HOT-WATER CIRCULATOR SAVES

Speeding up heat delivery, a circulator for the hot-water heating plant increases efficiency and reduces the fuel bill. The faster flow through the piping minimizes the loss of heat during transmission from

the boiler to the radiators in distant parts of the home. Its forced circulation tends to overcome the disadvantages of inadequate pipe sizes and small radiators. The circulator consists of a centrifugal type pump driven by an electric motor turning 1,725 revolutions per min-



ute. Especially designed for quiet opera-\
tion, the motor is free from radio interference. The pump is made of steam bronze.

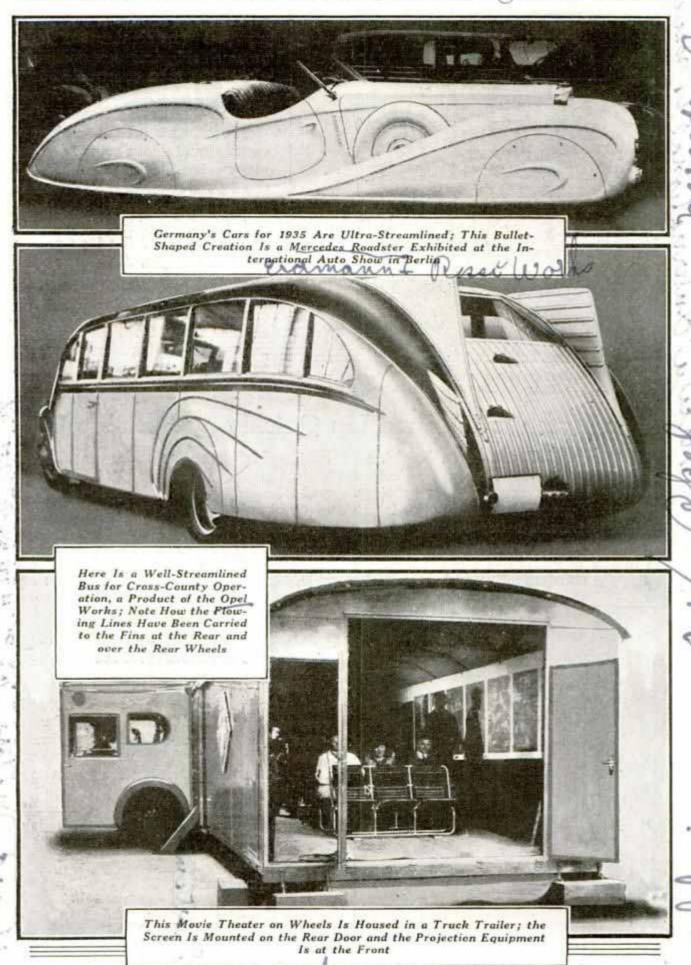
CACTUS SET GLOWING AT NIGHT BY ELECTRICAL MAGIC

Magic of electricity is employed to turn a giant cactus into a glowing thing of beauty at night in Phoenix, Ariz. Located in the center of the city's business district, the growing cactus is illuminated to welcome visitors.



Night View of Illuminated Cactus

German Cars Streamlined from Stem to Stern



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'Lost Continent" Shown on Sea-Floor Model



Students Examining Model of Ocean Floor; Its Formations Are Believed to Represent the "Lost Continent of Mu"

Portraying for the first time the mythical "lost continent of Mu," an unusual hydrographic map and model has been constructed as a result of 17,239 sonic soundings of the bed of the Pacific ocean. The "lost continent" is the vast underwater mountainous country which many scientists believe bridged the Pacific from China to Mexico about 13,000 years ago. The theory is that this lost land submerged as the result of flood or severe volcanic changes. Anthropologists have considered it as the possible explanation for the baffling presence of the American Indian on this continent. The relief map was made by naval authorities. The soundings were taken with the aid of special instruments.

Plane Motor Is Warmed Up Quickly by Portable Unit

Portable and adjustable in height, an electric-and-gas heater has been devised for quickly warming up airplane motors. The unit is suspended in a light frame mounted on small roller-bearing wheels. When a plane is scheduled to make a trip, the heater is pushed to the front of the motor, the shutters adjusted to direct the

Latest Type Heater in Place for Warming Up Airplane Motor; Heater Is Portable

heat, and left in operation for ten minutes. Then the pilot is able to start the motor and take off at once. The process is that of fanning hot air onto the motor, at the same time heating the oil in the crankcase to seventy or eighty degrees. Since it eliminates the old half-hour "warming up" period, the heater is said to prolong the life of the motor.

OUTBOARD LIGHT IN WEIGHT HAS PROTECTIVE HOOD

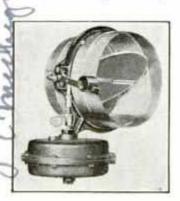
Weighing only twenty-four and onehalf pounds, the latest outboard motor is easy to carry to and from the boat. Developing one and one-half certified brake horsepower, it runs two hours on less than one gallon of fuel. Constructed with a hood

that encloses engine, ignition system, carburetor intake and flywheel, the motor is protected against rain, spray and breakage. Its low first cost is another feature.



WORKS AUTOMATICALLY 0

Installed in the flue to prevent the escape of heat, an automatic damper reduces the cost of operating the furnace with gas.



When the gas burners start, the damper opens to permit the passage of flue gases. When the burners stop, the damper closes and prevents the loss of heat out the chimney. The damper replaces a four-inch section

of the flue pipe. One connection to the boiler or furnace control line completes the job.

STEEL KEPT BRIGHT BY COATING OF LANOLIN MIXTURE

Bright steel parts of stored machinery can be kept from rusting by a coating of lanolin mixture containing about eight pounds of lanolin per gallon of solvent. The solvents are white spirit and naphtha. A little more lanolin is used with naphtha.

MUSIC EASILY PRINTED BY HAND WITH SIMPLE OUTFIT

Music characters can be printed by hand with an inexpensive outfit. It includes the "manutype," a small printing instrument that fits the hand, a staff stamp, transposition chart, ink pad and ink. The manutype is especially designed for writing music, saving time, patience and eye strain.



Hand-Fitting Music Writer Is Shown in Use; It Is

Designed to Save Musician's Time



Candle-Clock Made in Segments, Each of Which Requires Fifteen Minutes to Burn

CANDLE EMPLOYED AS A CLOCK IS MADE IN SEGMENTS

In the time of King Arthur, candles were used to measure the passing of time and one of these candle-clocks was exhibited recently in this country. The candles were made in segments and one segment required fifteen minutes to burn. The passing of the quarter hour thus was indicated as the flame flickered at the end of the period, showing one section of the candle had been burned away.

TENT ERECTED BY AIR TUBES INFLATED WITH PUMP

Erecting a tent with compressed air is made possible by pumping up the rubber tubes encased in the corners of a tent for which Lee Burrows, of California, is seeking patents. The rubber tubes are contained in canvas tubes with zipper fasteners. When the tubes are inflated with a tire pump, the tent takes shape and is held erect. Guy ropes at the corners give additional rigidity. Five to ten pounds of air is sufficient. The four air tubes are connected with a by-pass arrangement so that one valve will serve all.

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Forty-Five Per Cent 'Hill' Tests Army Trucks

Rigid service tests, including one in which a forty-five per cent incline made of heavy timbers is used, are required before acceptance of trucks for the U.S. army. The trucks are made to run up and

down the man-made "hill" under full load, simulating road conditions that might be encountered during peace-time maneuvers or actual warfare. The trials also provide that the brakes hold a fully loaded truck

on the forty-five per cent grade, as well as bring the vehicle from a speed of twenty miles per hour to a stop in twenty-fiver feet. One of the latest trucks delivered to the army by Dodge Brothers corporation is equipped with a heavy metal guard that protects radiator and headlamps against damage. Installed between the front fenders, the grift acts as a bumper for the radiator, absorbing much of the shock of collision Another innovation is the four-wheel drive, which gives more power.

Army Truck Climbing Steep Incline; Right, Note Stout Grill Protecting Radiator

FIBER ANCHOR LOCKS SCREW IN CONCRETE OR BRICK

Screws can be locked in stone, concrete, brick, plaster or other material by inserting them in a non-split fiber anchor. Unaffected by moisture or temperature, the

plugs are practically indestructible. Installation is easy. First a hole is drilled in the material, then the fiber plug is inserted and finally the screw is driven into the plug with a screwdriver. The anchors are made of hemp, braided and interwoven with copper wire.

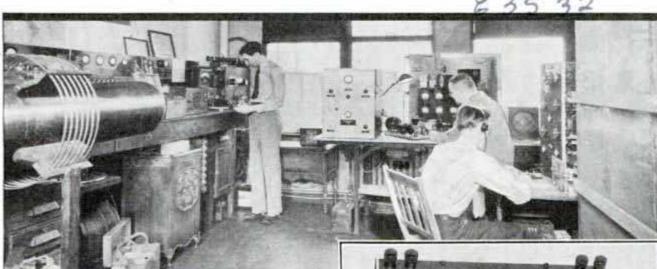


ODD-SHAPED FILAMENT LAMPS VUSED IN SIGNS

Straight, curved and odd-shaped incandescent lamps with filaments are being used in signs and other places where a diffused light of low brightness is needed. Of the tubular type with filaments running the entire length of the tube, the lamps are useful where the high voltage required for gas or neon tubes is undesirable. The lamps, which can be operated in standard sockets at standard voltage, are expected to open up a new field of architectural and decorative lighting.

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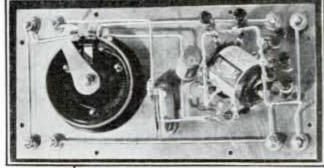
INEXPENSIVE UNIVERSAL BRIDGE

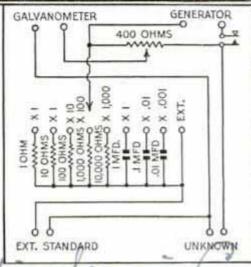
A NYONE can build this simple universal Wheatstone bridge. Experimenters, service men, set builders and students all require some means for accurately measuring the values of resistors and condensers as labels often are missing from such parts or the color-code bands may be charred or faded.

This simplified bridge, assembled from a standard kit of parts, has been designed to meet the requirements at low cost. Tested in Popular Mechanics radio laboratory, a corner of which is shown in the upper photo, the instrument was found to be satisfactory in every respect. The range covers resistance measurements from .01 to one million ohms and capacitance from .0001 mfd. up to the highest values used in radio work.

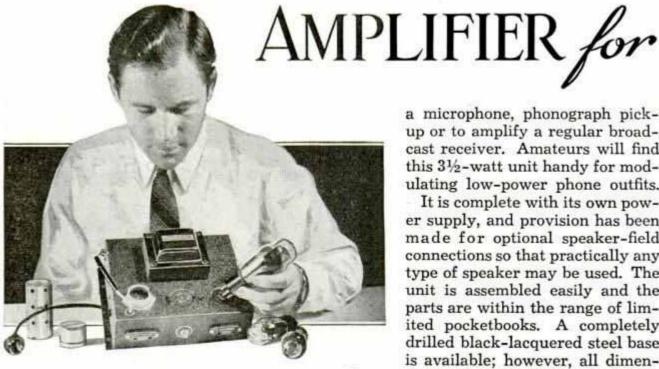
All mathematics, other than simple multiplication, have been eliminated. The voltage source is a small filament-lighting transformer; however, a battery and buzzer may be used in d.c. districts to provide the necessary interrupted voltage source. The kit of parts includes operating instructions.







Wholesale Cadio Serne 6 90



By FRANK LESTER

WNERS of small 2 and 3-tube shortwave, or broadcast, receivers who desire more volume for the operation of a dynamic speaker, will find this compact midget amplifier very effective. The increase in volume brings in distant stations with good strength which formerly were just audible in headphones. It also makes a fine public-address amplifier for small halls, or club rooms, as it can be used with

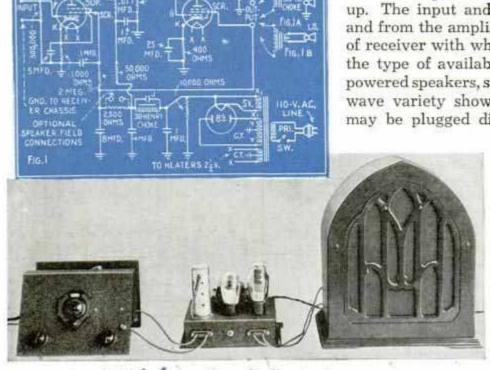
a microphone, phonograph pickup or to amplify a regular broadcast receiver. Amateurs will find this 3½-watt unit handy for modulating low-power phone outfits.

It is complete with its own power supply, and provision has been made for optional speaker-field connections so that practically any type of speaker may be used. The unit is assembled easily and the parts are within the range of limited pocketbooks. A completely drilled black-lacquered steel base is available; however, all dimen-

sions appear in the sketch on the opposite page for those who wish to make their own. A schematic diagram is given in Fig. 1, and Fig. 2 shows the simplified wiring diagram looking at the unit from the underside. The first tube is a type-57 pentode, resistance-coupled to a type-2A5 pentode amplifier tube. A full-wave type-83 rectifier tube is used in the power supply, which furnishes 300 volts of wellfiltered plate voltage. A complete list of materials can be obtained upon application, without charge.

It will be noted that the type-57 tube is shielded to protect it against outside pickup. The input and output connections to and from the amplifier depend on the kind of receiver with which it is to be used and the type of available loud speaker. Selfpowered speakers, such as the special shortwave variety shown in the upper photo, may be plugged directly into the output

> jacks. If a magnetic speaker is on hand it should be connected as shown in Fig. 1A. The choke coil is hooked directly across the output posts of the amplifier, with a .5 mfd. condenser in series with the plate lead to the speaker. The other speaker lead is



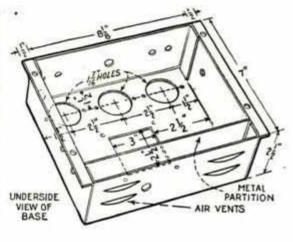
Small Short-Wave Receivers

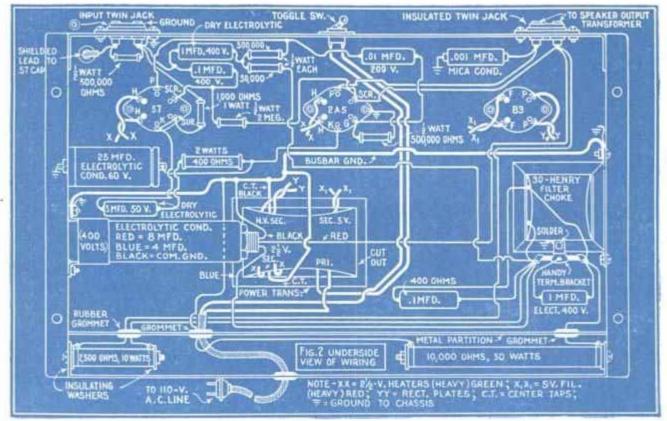
grounded to the frame of the amplifier.

A dynamic speaker is recommended as it will handle more volume than a magnetic type. These speakers are available with built-in output transformers to match the 2A5 output tube; if your speaker does not have a

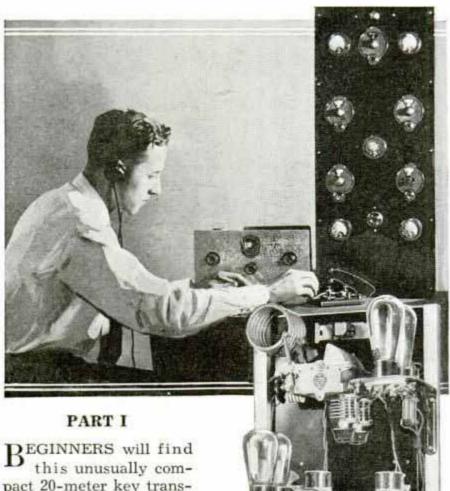
coupling transformer of this description, one should be provided and connected as shown in Fig. 1B. The field of the speaker may be excited conveniently by the power pack of the amplifier by merely removing the 2,500-ohm resistor and substituting the speaker-field connections as indicated in Fig. 1. An enlarged blueprint of all wiring and layout diagrams is available, those who wish it should specify blueprint R-210.

To connect the amplifier to any short-wave receiver of the popular regenerative types, as shown in the photos, it is merely necessary to (Continued to page 128A)





Compact Crystal-Controlled CW Transmitter



pact 20-meter key transmitter easy to build. It employs inexpensive tubes and the parts have been selected carefully for economy and highgrade performance. For the more advanced amateur it will serve as a stand-by transmitter in high-powered stations for use when full power is not required or where 20-

Although the builder may alter the arrangement to suit his particular

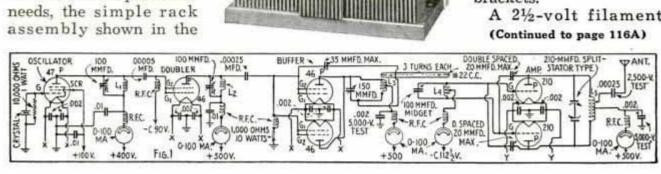
meter operation is not

provided for otherwise.

photo occupies very little space on the operating table. There is nothing unusual about the circuit. Fig. 1; however, the tube line-up is exceptionally good for DX work on 20 meters as a 40-watt output is obtained easily.

The %6-in, bakelite front panel is 12 in. wide and 30 in. high, and two % by %-in. wood strips, 30 in. long, form the uprights which support the panel at rear. The wood baseboard is % by 6% by 12 in. Cutouts are made at the front corners to take the uprights, which are fastened with long wood screws through the front panel. The panel is supported further by means of 3-in. shelf brackets screwed to the baseboard at each side. Five more of these brackets are used to mount the three shelves above; most of them are shown in the rear-view photo. Scrap bakelite is employed for shelves. Two pieces 1/8 by 6 by 12 in., and one piece 1/8 by 37/8 by 6 in. are required. It will be noted that the small upper shelf is supported by a 3-in. shelf bracket on one side, the other side being fastened to the split-stator tank condenser frame by means of two small angle brackets.

A 2½-volt filament (Continued to page 116A)



HINTS FOR RADIO EXPERIMENTERS

Right, Sheet-Metal Panches, Now Available in Four Sizes, Enable Experimenters and Set Builders to Cut Instrument Mounting Holes Quickly; Three Necessary Steps Are Illustrated in A, B and C; Hole Is Drilled to Fit Guide Pin Snugly; Metal Sheet and Punch Are Placed over Pin on Firm Surface When Driving Punch through Stock

ADJUSTING
SCREW

NEUTRALIZING
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POINTER
WHEN PROPER
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Above, Handy Indicator for Neutralizing and Balancing Sets, Made from a Short Length of Wire; Below, Heavy-Duty Antenna Insulator Made of 1-In. Porcelain Coated with a Smooth Glaze to Prevent Collection of Diet



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Right, Noise Rejector Unit, Improves All-Wave Doublet-Antenna Systems; Installed Near Ground and Antenna Posts of Receiver, Two Short Leads Connect with Set; Screw Terminals Take the Twisted Downlead Cable of Doublet Antenna



Fused Connecting Lead on Battery Nearest Negative End Protects B-Batteries Right, Miniature Neon Voltage Fuses, or "Tattelites," Protect Radio Equipment against Excessive Voltages, Whereas Regular Fuses Protect against Excessive Currents; They Work by Shunting Out the Overload; Other Practical Uses Include Testing for Blown Fuses and Set Checking



Homemade Clamp Used to Repair Old Dials Where Setscrew Is Lost or Threads Are Badly Worn; a Short Length of Brass Strip Is Bent and Drilled to Just Pass Shaft; Hacksaw Cut Is Made Lengthwise of Strip through Holes as Shown; Machine Screw Locks Clamp to Shaft

Four-Tube Receiver in World Globe



Globe with Broadcast Receiver Built In; Tuning Knob Is Shown at Front

Built into a 12-in. washable globe, this self-contained receiver works on either a.c. or d.c. and employs a full floating dynamic speaker. The set has good tone and tunes from 175 to 550 meters.

Play Records through Your Receiver

This inexpensive record player transforms your a.c. radio set into an electric phonograph. The turntable is driven electrically and plays either 10 or 12-in. records. It may be operated at any distance



Record Player Showing Pick-Up Arm in Position

from the receiver, depending on the length of connecting cord selected. A volume control, provided on the instrument, is independent of the controls on the receiver.

Miniature Ribbon-Type Microphone

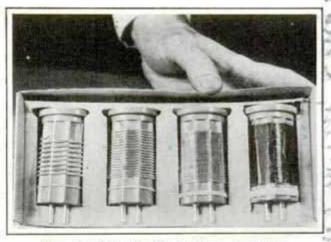
Although only about the size of a match box, the output of this little mike is said to be equal to that of standard microphones. Suspended by a ribbon around the neck, the response is



constant with any position of the speaker's head. It can be used also as a hand mike.

Ready-Wound Low-Loss S-W Coils

Four complete and highly efficient shortwave coils, covering the entire range from 17 to 270 meters, are available now to ex-



Plug-In Coils for Short-Wave Receivers

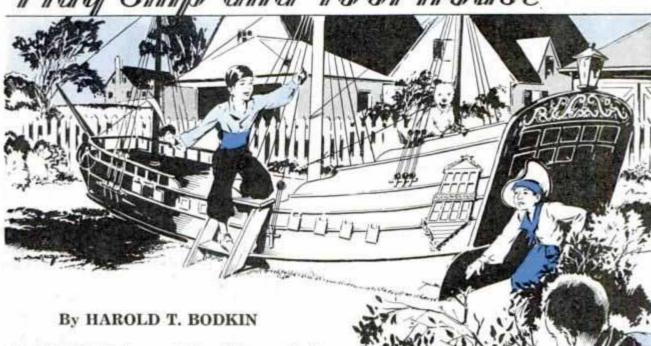
perimenters. Wound on low-loss Hammarlund plug-in coil forms, the secondaries of the first two coils are wound with heavy silver-plated wire to reduce skinresistance losses. An additional coil is supplied for the broadcast band.

[Blueprints covering radio construction articles in past issues can be obtained for 25 cents each; further information and material lists are available from our Radio Department, without charge, upon receipt of postage.

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AMATEUR ECHANICS

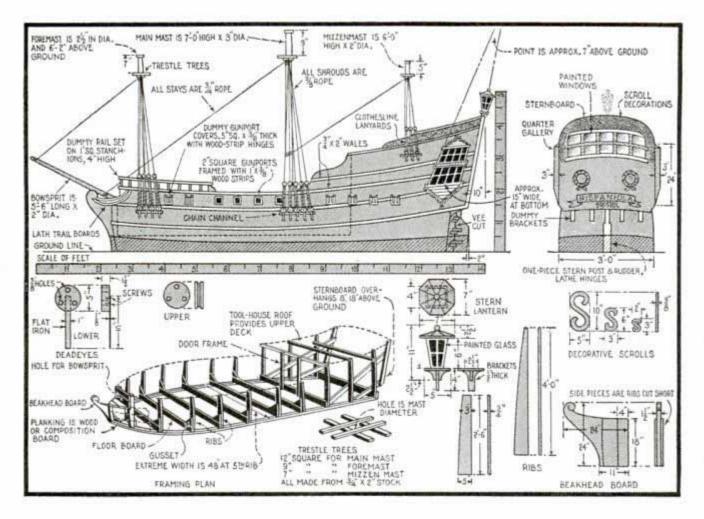
TREASURE ISLAND Play-Ship and Tool House



LTHOUGH the good ship "Hispaniola" never existed outside the pages of Robert Louis Stevenson's pirate story, "Treasure Island," her thrilling adventures were the inspiration for this ornamental lawn structure, which provides an unusual play-ship for children, and a handy place to keep garden tools.

As the ship rests on the ground, the foundation is started first. To do this, a chalk line is stretched between two stakes driven into the ground about 10½ ft. apart to represent the centerline of the boat. At the stern end, two more stakes are driven so that another line between them is at a 90° angle to the first one, the stakes being set 1½ ft. from the centerline on each side. About 5 ft. aft of the bow stake, another pair of stakes are driven, each being 2 ft. outward from the centerline. When so placed, the stakes outline the bow, the

width at the stern, and the widest part of the boat amidships along its "waterline." Next, a long limber stick is tied to the bow stake, bent in a curve around one of the midships stakes, and then inward, where it is tied to one of the side stakes at the stern. The bow in the stick will determine the horizontal curve of the hull. This done, lengths of 34-in, boards are laid on the ground under the curved stick to conform roughly to its arc. Using the stick as a guide, the curve is marked on the ground boards, after which they are taken up and sawed to shape. These are laid in place



and fastened by wooden pegs driven through holes in them and into the ground.

When the foundation is finished, the ribs are next, six long ones and sixteen short ones, two of which are nailed to the beakhead board. These are sawed from ¾-in. stock and are spaced about 1 ft. apart, flush with the ground boards. The forward frame is about 3 ft. above the ground, and the rearmost frame ribs are full length to provide for the sweep of the rail.

The beakhead board is cut now, using two pieces battened together with two short ribs, one on each side. The two upright frame pieces at the extreme stern are set at a 10° angle aft, their tops being about 4 ft. 4 in. above the ground.

The planking of the hull can be of light material or composition board, the combination rudder and sternpost being nailed over the planking. The illusion of the hull curves, as viewed from the side, is accomplished by application of the curved wales. Dummy window ledges and columns on the sternboard can be made from 2 by ¾-in. stock or lengths of lath, while the open ports amidships are cut through the planking and framed with wooden strips. The

dummy rail forward now is put on, also the trail boards, which start at the sides and curve in and downward to fasten on the beakhead board.

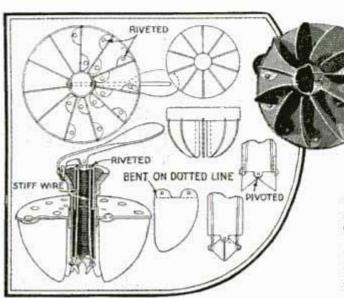
Decorative scrolls are sawed out in numbers sufficient to decorate the sides and sternboard. The stern wreaths also are sawed. The masts are made by roughly rounding square stock with a spoke shave, while the deadeves are formed from two disks cut from 34-in. stock. Those for the fore and mizzenmasts should be slightly smaller than those for the mainmast. After nailing the trestletrees in place on the masts and fastening the respective stays and shroud lines in place, the masts are erected by sinking their lower ends into holes in the ground on the centerline of the ship in the locations shown. The masts should be adjacent to a floor board so that they may be bolted or screwed to it.

Two coats of paint will protect the boat. The rails, wales, gunport covers and frames, background of scrolls, trail boards and all window framing are painted dull dark brown. Except for the space below the waterline, which is painted a dull white, the balance of the hull is black.

POPULAR MECHANICS

Grapefruit Cutter Slices and Removes Core

This grapefruit cutter slices the fruit and removes the core in one operation. It consists of eleven 2 by 1%-in. steel cut-



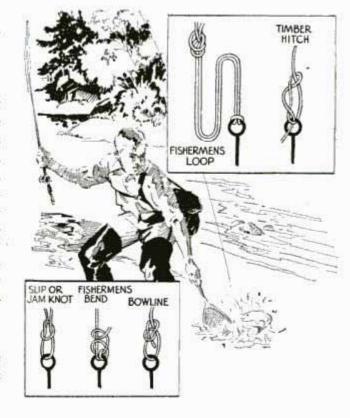
ters, riveted to a 4½-in. brass disk, which has a hole in the center for the coring assembly. This consists of a short brass tube with two coring jaws pivoted to the bottom end and a flared sleeve at the top to which one of the handles is pivoted. Slipping inside of the tube, is a short

sleeve that is pivoted to the handle and carries two stiff wires to operate the jaws. The coring assembly is held by two brass collars soldered to the tube on each side of the disk so that the assembly can be turned with the handle to remove the core thoroughly from the fruit. A similar idea is used in making an orange slicer. In this case no coring assembly is needed, and the cutters are forced into narrow slots cut in a hardwood block. The orange is peeled and cut in halves. The slicer is then forced through it leaving evenly cut pieces—Charles Tyler, Chicago.

Strong Knots to Use When Tying Fishhooks and Leaders

Have you ever had a big fish break the line close to the hook? If so, perhaps the trouble was due to the knot used in attaching the hook or leader to the line. Tests have shown that some knots reduce the strength of a line as much as 30 per cent. One of the strongest knots is the fishermen's bend, while the timber hitch is good also and is tied easily. The latter, when drawn tightly, pulls double through the swivel or hook eye. The slip, or jam knot, and the bowline are often used but have a tendency to cut the line when a large fish pulls on the hook. The fishermen's loop perhaps is the weakest of all of them, although it does have one advantage-it forms a double line of several inches behind the hook or leader.

■Boiling water poured over nuts before cracking them will tend to make the meats come out clean and whole.



Generating Hydrogen Gas to Fill Toy Balloons

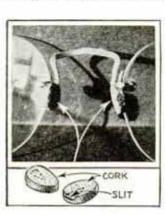


Toy Balloons Inflated with Hydrogen Gas Generated by Dropping Strips of Zinc into Muriatic Acid

It is no trick to generate hydrogen gas with which to inflate toy, rubber balloons. Just get a fair-sized bottle, pour a little muriatic acid into it. Then, when you are ready to fill the balloon, drop a few pieces of zinc into the acid and immediately stretch the neck of the balloon over the neck of the bottle. The acid acting on the zinc generates hydrogen gas, which quickly inflates the balloon.

Cork Pads Cushion Nose Pieces on Your Spectacles

If your spectacles are fitted with rigid nose pieces, which sometimes irritate your skin, try relieving this condition with a couple of small oblong cork pads. These



are cut along one edge with a razor blade so that they can be slipped over the nose pieces, after which they are glued in place with ambroid cement. To assure correct alinement of the pads, wear the spectacles

while the cement is drying so that the corks will adjust themselves automatically to your nose.—C. E. Packer, Chicago.

Vent in Pie Crust Prevents Overflowing of Berry Juice

When berries containing an abundance of juice are baked in double-crust pies, the steam accumulating within often

causes the liquid to overflow between the edges of the crust. This may be overcome by punching a few holes around the base of a small funnel spout and inserting this in the center of the



pie. The formation of steam within the pie will force the juice up into the spout instead of causing it to burst through the edges of the crust.—G. E. Hendrickson, Argyle, Wis.

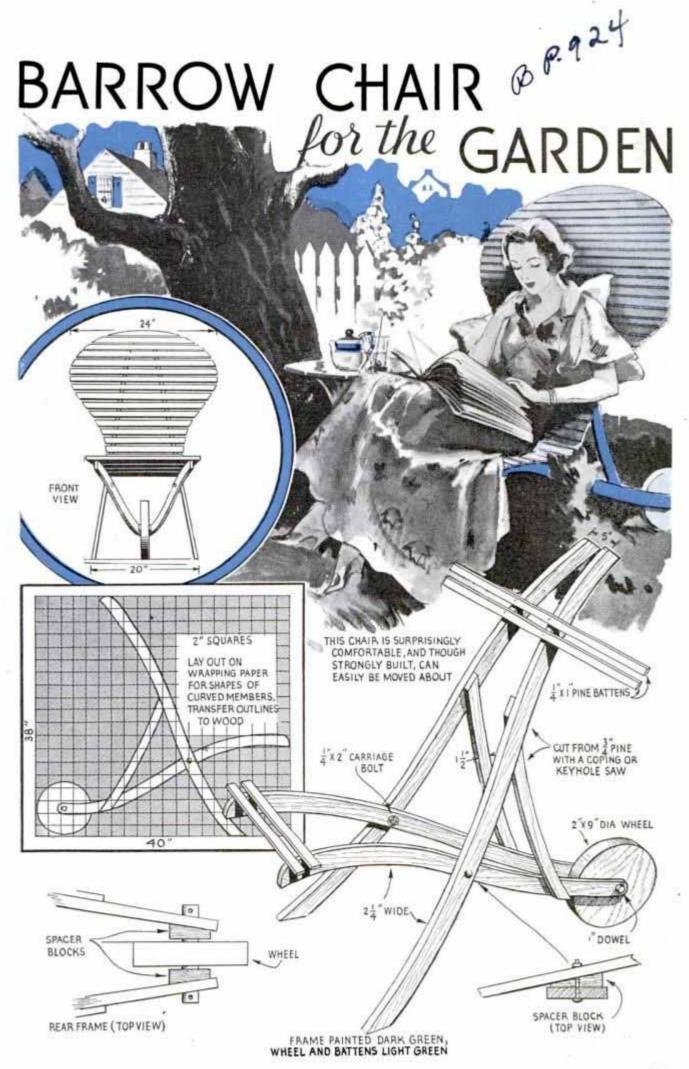
Homemade Thermos Jug Keeps Drinking Water Cool

Here is an inexpensive thermos jug that will be found handy when it is necessary to carry drinking water and keep it cool for several hours. First, get a can or pail, fitted with a lid. It should be large enough

to hold a quart or half-gallon glass fruit jar so that there is at least a 2-in, clearance between them on all sides. Fill this space with sawdust or other insulating material, and then cut a hole in the can lid to fit the top of the jar snugly. If possible, pack a little of the material under the lid, although it is



better to use a few layers of sheet asbestos. After the jug has been insulated thoroughly, solder the cover in place.—James Vick, Mannboro, Va.



Reel Drains Garden Hose

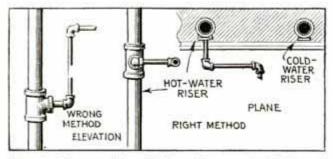


A Garden Hose Will Drain Thoroughly If Wound in One Layer on a Vertical Reel

It has been my experience that a rubber hose will last much longer if it is drained thoroughly before it is put on a reel. With the reel shown, the hose is drained as it is wound on the drum. The reel is mounted vertically, and the drum is large enough to take the hose in one layer.—W. F. Schaphorst, Newark, N. J.

Correct Method of Connecting Water Risers to Kitchen Sink

Water leaks at a kitchen sink sometimes are caused by vertical expansion and contraction of the hot-water riser, the continued action of which often cracks the

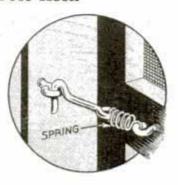


How to Connect Your Sink to Prevent Leak Caused by Contraction of the Hot-Water Riser

small pipe leading from the riser to the sink when the connection is made as shown in the left-hand detail. A better method of making the connection, and one that will eliminate this trouble, is shown in the right-hand detail. Instead of attaching the S-shaped pipe assembly, leading to the sink, in a vertical position, attach it in a horizontal position. In this way, any slight vertical movement of the riser, caused by expansion or contraction, is taken care of in one of the threaded connections instead of twisting the small connecting pipe.—
L. H. Georger, Buffalo, N. Y

Short Coil Spring Improves Screen-Door Hook

Inserted between the eye of a screen-door hook and the screw eye to which it is usually attached, a short length of fairly strong coil spring will compensate for any

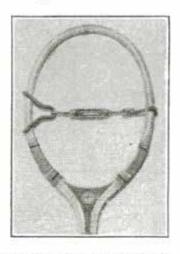


swelling or shrinking of the wood, which often makes it almost impossible to fasten the hook. The spring maintains a tension to hold the door snugly, yet allows the hook to be fastened easily.

Clamp to Re-String Tennis Rackets

When re-stringing a tennis racket, a good clamp to pull in the sides of the rackct, so that the cross strings will be taut when the job is finished, is made from a

small turnbuckle as shown in the photo. These are obtainable at dime stores, and, when fitted with a couple of hooks made from a small iron rod, they are fitted readily to the sides of a racket. One hook is V-shaped to help prevent the clamp from



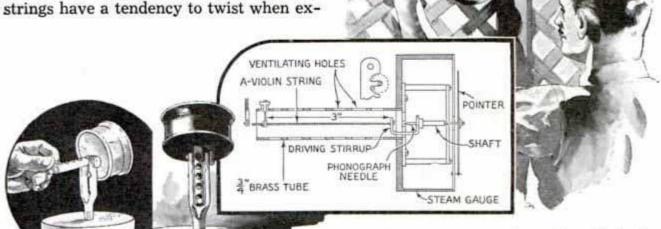
slipping off the curved sides of the racket.

—Perry S. Graffam, Waverly, Mass.

(Manicurists' emery boards are handy for sanding in tight places, especially many places on models where ordinary sandpaper is difficult or awkward to use.

Old Steam Gauge Converted into Barometer

Unlike aneroid and mercurial barometers, this homemade weather indicator is not affected by either altitude or temperature. It is made from an old steam gauge and an "A" violin string of gut. As these strings have a tendency to twist when ex-



posed to moisture, humid air, which usually precedes a storm or unsettled weather, causes the string to twist and move the gauge pointer. Only the frame of the gauge is used, together with the pointer and pointer shaft, which is altered to reduce friction to a minimum. This is done by using a phonograph needle, inserted into the end of the shaft so that the point

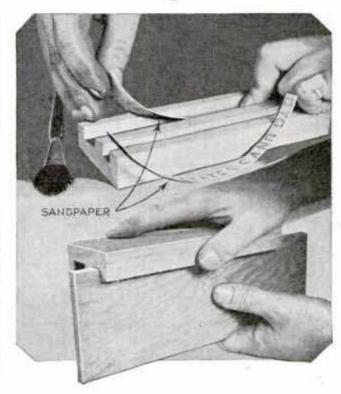
turns in a center-punch mark made in the back of the gauge. A driving stirrup is attached to the end of the shaft, a small portion of the gauge back first being cut out as indicated in the detail, to permit it to turn. After fastening the string to the free end of the stirrup, a brass tube, with several ventilating holes drilled through its walls, is centered over the stirrup and soldered to the gauge. At the open end of the tube is an adjustable fastener to hold the free end of the string.

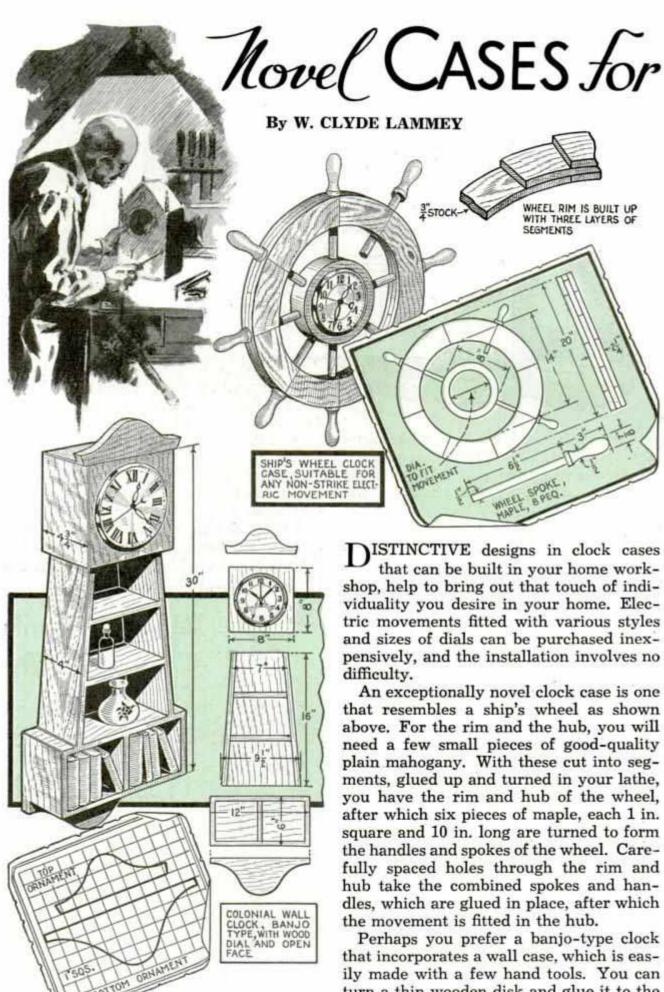
Grooved Sanding Block Assures True Edges on Boards

Sanding the edges of boards so that they will remain true and square is accomplished easily with this special sanding block. It has grooves of various widths cut deeply into one side to fit over the edges of work of different thicknesses. Strips of sandpaper are fastened to the bottoms of the grooves with rubber cement.

Old Incubator Used as Oats Sprouter

On account of the almost universal practice of buying chicks from commercial hatcheries, many poultrymen have small incubators on hand that may be used profitably as grain sprouters during the winter months when green feed is not available. The egg trays of the machine are divided into sections which are filled with oats. The grain is moistened daily and the incubator lamp operated at a low temperature.





ISTINCTIVE designs in clock cases that can be built in your home workshop, help to bring out that touch of individuality you desire in your home. Electric movements fitted with various styles and sizes of dials can be purchased inexpensively, and the installation involves no difficulty.

WHEEL RIM IS BUILT UP WITH THREE LAYERS OF

SEGMENTS

An exceptionally novel clock case is one that resembles a ship's wheel as shown above. For the rim and the hub, you will need a few small pieces of good-quality plain mahogany. With these cut into segments, glued up and turned in your lathe, you have the rim and hub of the wheel, after which six pieces of maple, each 1 in. square and 10 in. long are turned to form the handles and spokes of the wheel. Carefully spaced holes through the rim and hub take the combined spokes and handles, which are glued in place, after which the movement is fitted in the hub.

Perhaps you prefer a banjo-type clock that incorporates a wall case, which is easily made with a few hand tools. You can turn a thin wooden disk and glue it to the front pieces for a suitable dial, or you can

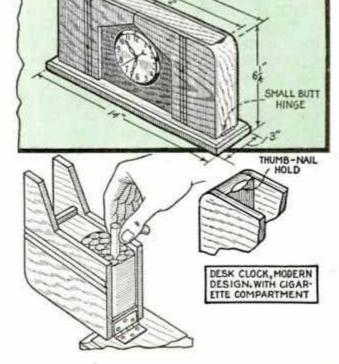
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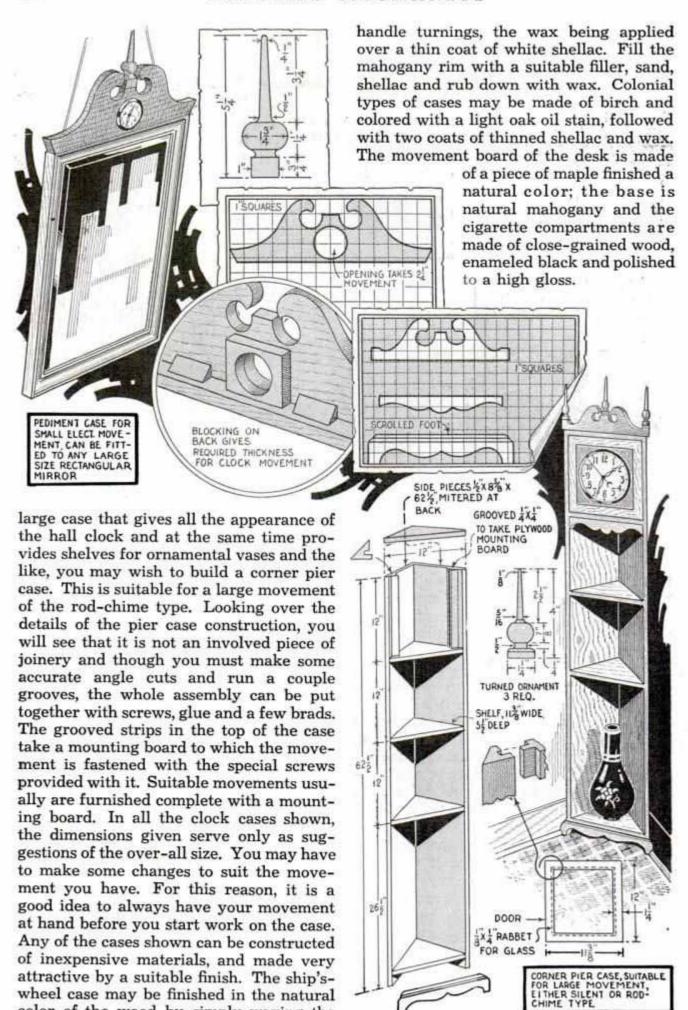


wish, you can make them from thin, sheet brass by marking the outline with a pattern and cutting out with a jewelers' saw.

The cases for the miniature grandfather's clock and the desk clock are likewise simple woodworking jobs. The first consists of solid blocks cut to the size given, and glued together with waist moldings in the corners. Veneer overlays of contrasting colors complete the front of the case. Details give the size of the top ornament and the single turning, which may be turned out of solid brass and then polished and lacquered. Construction of the desk clock is shown clearly. It may be made with one or two cigarette compartments.

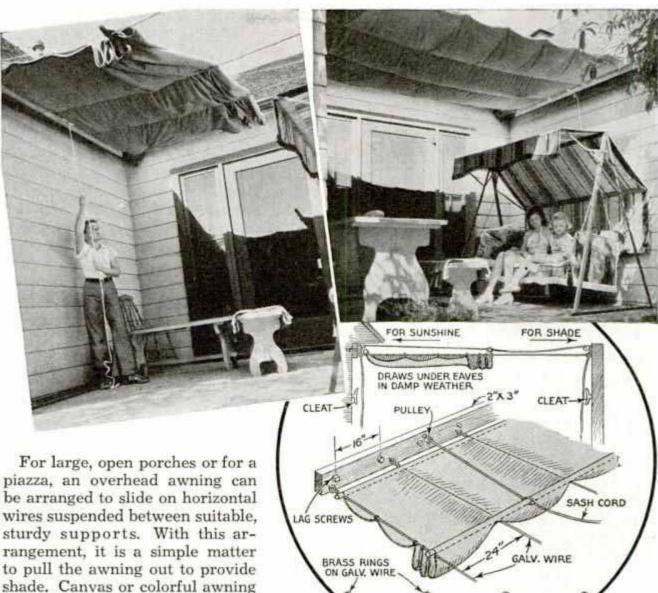
If you want an accurate timepiece that is always handy, put a small electric movement in a pediment on the top of the hall mirror. This can be done on any largesize rectangular mirror as can be seen from the drawings. Again, if you need a





color of the wood by simply waxing the

Adjustable Awning to Cover Open Porches



shade. Canvas or colorful awning cloth may be used. The best construction is to fit the awning with rings which slide on the wires. A simpler method is to use rings at

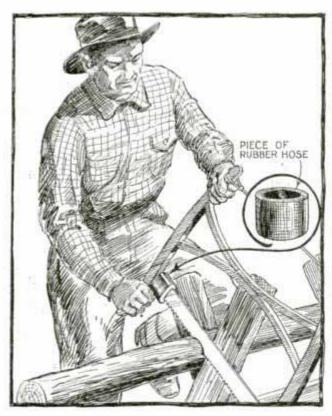
the end wires only, and let the canvas rest on the other supporting wires. A turnbuckle should be provided at the end of each wire to keep it taut. The pulley arrangement shown in the detail makes it easy to arrange the awning in any desired position by manipulating a rope.

Removing Weeds from Lakes

The following method of removing sea weeds from shallow lakes and lagoons where bathing beaches are maintained will be found more effective and much quicker than the customary use of a rake. A coil of barbed wire is mounted on the rear of a boat and one end is attached to a tree. Then the boat is rowed slowly in an arc at the edge of the area from which the weeds are to be removed and the wire is payed out so that it will sink to the bottom. The free end of the wire is attached then to a car and, when it is driven slowly away from the shore, all weeds within the area will be torn loose and dragged out.

CANVAS

The small brass tip from a discarded generator of a gasoline lamp or stove makes a good front propeller bearing for a model aeroplane; a needle may be used to enlarge the hole to the right size for the propeller shaft.



Piece of Rubber Hose Slipped over Heel of Bucksaw Blade Prevents Pinching Your Fingers

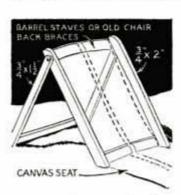
Rubber Hose on Saw Prevents Injuring the Fingers

Slipped over the heel of a bucksaw blade, a short piece of rubber hose will prevent injury to the fingers from being squeezed between the saw handle and the work on the downward stroke. When the hose is stretched over the blade, the teeth will penetrate the rubber and hold it in place.

—Kenneth Murray, Sturgis, Mich.

Folding "Lazyback" for the Beach

Here is a simple "lazyback" that anyone will appreciate when spending a day at the beach. The sides and rear support of the



back can be made of pine for lightness, while the cross braces are cut from a couple of barrel or keg staves, preferably the latter, which have a more pronounced curve. Between these,

canvas is stretched to form a comfortable back, and is extended on down to form a seat when sitting on the sand.

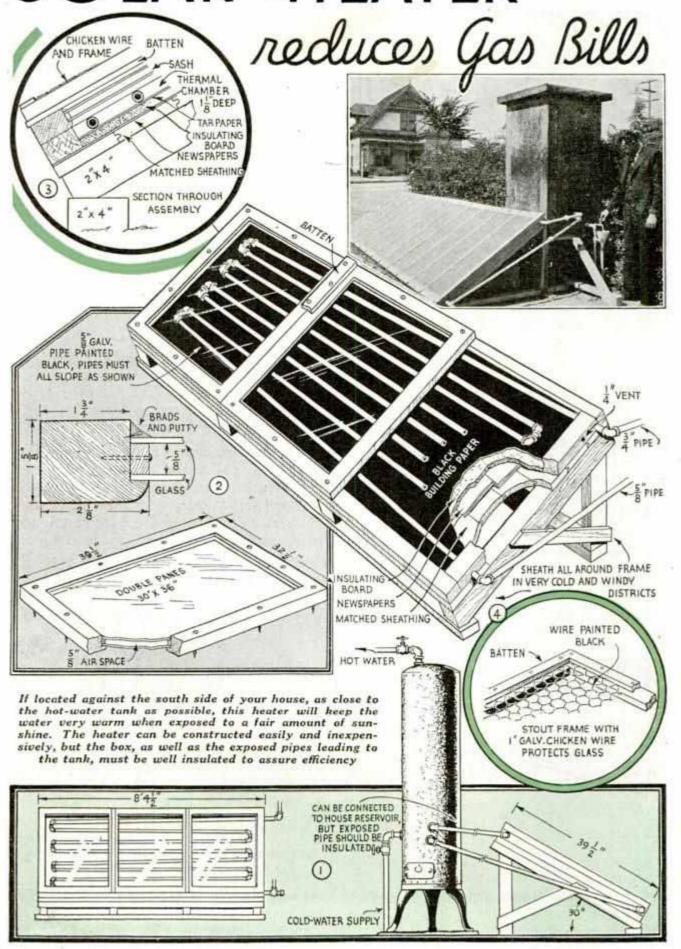
Solar Heater Reduces Gas Bills

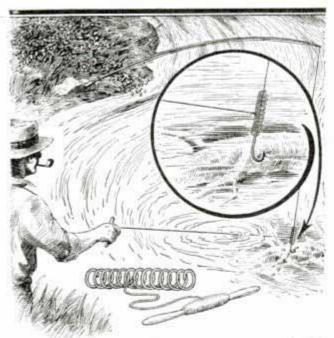
During the warm summer months this solar heater will keep your reservoir full of hot water whenever the clouds do not interfere. Although the original was found highly successful in California, it should work equally well in temperate zones. Not only the box itself, but the circulating pipes exposed outside should be insulated thoroughly. Make three sash with double panes, as shown in Fig. 2. When the panes are installed, the upper ones should be puttied carefully to make the joints water tight. The shallow box to receive the heating coils is a matter of simple carpentry. Fig. 3 shows how the various layers are built up. First is the 2 by 4-in. supporting frame, set at a 30° angle, then tongueand-groove sheathing or flooring, several layers of newspapers laid flat, and on top of this, thick insulating board. Cover with black tar paper, and paint all exposed wood side members a dull black to prevent loss of heat by reflection. Install the %-in, galvanized pipe, which should be painted dull black. All pipes should have a slight incline so that warm water will circulate freely toward the highest level as shown in Fig. 4. A 1/4-in. vent hole in a side member will allow for expansion and contraction of air inside following changes in temperature. The sash should fit snugly all around. Fasten them to the box with screws so that any one may be removed in case of broken glass. If the heater is in an exposed place accessible to children, dogs, etc., it will be well to protect it with a stout frame covered with galvanized wire mesh. A good location for the heater is directly against the south side of the house, as close to the indoor reservoir as possible.

Cement to Mount Bicycle Tires

Bicycle tires may be mounted on wood or steel rims with a cement made by dissolving crude rubber, 2 lbs., and rosin, 2 lbs., in carbon disulphate, 1 gal. The latter is very inflammable and should not be handled near an open flame or while smoking. This cement will keep if stored in screw-cap bottles or sealed cans. To use the cement, clean the rim and apply with a brush. A light coat should also be applied to the rim surface of the tire.

SOLAR HEATER · · ·





Fishhooks Caught on Sunken Logs Loosened with Large Spring and a Long Cord

Loosening Snagged Fishhooks

To loosen fishhooks that have become snagged on a submerged log, or entangled in debris, the method shown here has proved very effective. A heavy coil spring, with a strong cord attached, is slipped over the pole and allowed to slide down to the hook. If the force of the dropping spring does not dislodge the hook, usually it can be loosened by pulling on the cord as shown in the illustration.

Soap Grated on Wash-Boiler Lid

You can save time on wash day if a number of holes are drilled through the lid of your wash boiler, and one edge of each hole slightly raised so that when a



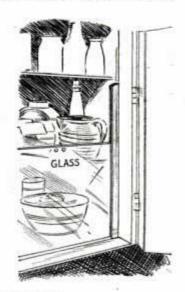
cake of soap is pushed over them thin chips will be scraped off. After drilling the holes, the lid is turned upside down on a hardwood block and the edges of the holes are raised with a short length of iron rod. This is

done by setting the end of the rod on the edge of the metal, so that about half of the rod overlaps the hole, and then striking it a sharp blow with a hammer.—A. H. Waychoff, Tempe, Ariz.

Glass Helps Prevent Escape of Cold Air from Refrigerator

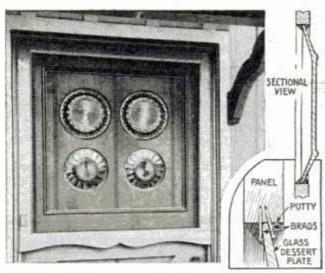
Much of the cold air that escapes from a refrigerator when the door is opened can be conserved by closing the lower part of the opening with a piece of glass. The method of installing the glass will depend on your particular type of refrigerator, but

if space permits, brass, copper or wood slides may be provided inside the opening as shown. Then, by drilling a couple of finger holes in the glass near the upper edge, it can be raised to give access to the lower shelves when necessary.-J.L.Robinson, Chatham, New Jersey.



Dessert Plates Used as Door Lights Produce Pleasing Effect

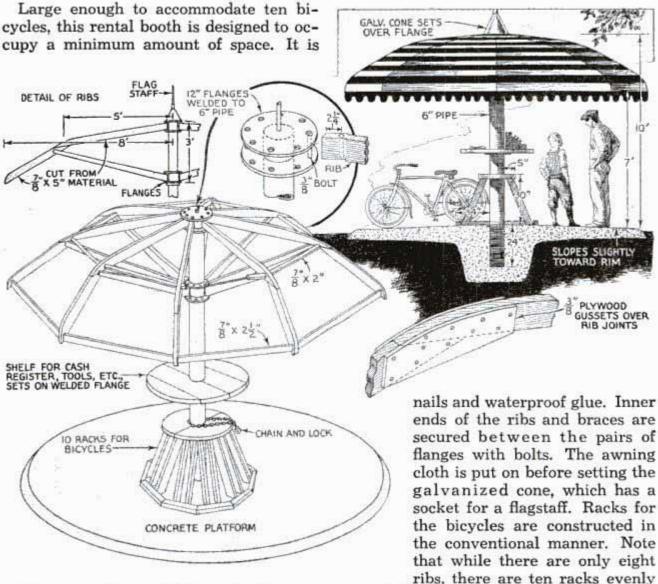
Glass dessert plates have been installed in the door panel of a home in California, and furnish a very pleasing effect, as well as admit light and give a view of callers. The plates are laid on the door panel, and their positions marked with a lead pencil, after which a portion of the panel is sawed



Set in Outside Doors, Glass Dessert Plates Admit Light and Help Make the Door Attractive

out and the plates set in place with brads and putty. The panels should not be less than ½ in thick.

Bike Rental Booth Is Accessible on All Sides



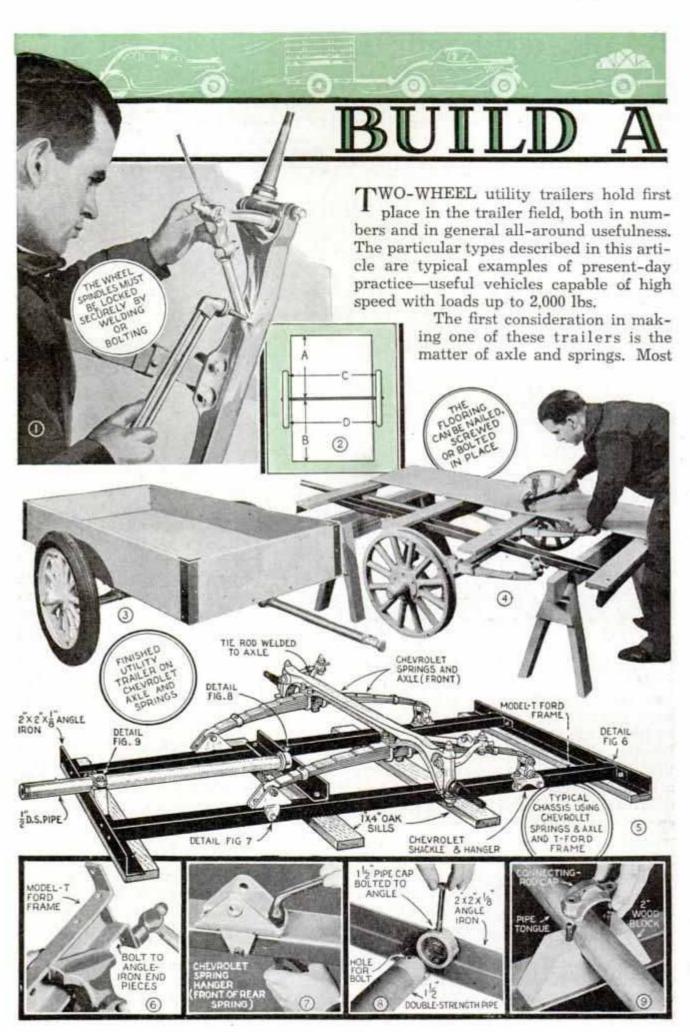
nothing more than a 16-ft, umbrella supported by a single pipe standard, set in concrete, the latter being extended to form a platform 14 ft. in diameter. The umbrella is made of wood and is covered with bright, striped awning cloth. Before setting the standard, it is a good idea to drill a few 1-in, holes near the lower end so that it will be anchored firmly in the concrete. Four pairs of flanges should be welded to the standard as indicated; one pair at the top for the inner ends of the ribs, another pair 3 ft. lower down for the braces. The third pair is welded 40 in. from the floor to support a shelf, while the fourth pair is placed 30 in. above the platform to hold the top of the bicycle rack. After the concrete has been poured, the umbrella is assembled. Each rib is made up of two pieces, which are lapped at the joint and reinforced with plywood gussets, ribs, there are ten racks evenly

spaced. Three or four chains with padlocks will serve to lock the wheels in groups, or individually.

Starting Outboard Motor Easily

Outboard motors of the two-cylinder opposed type often may be started easier by simply shorting one spark plug to the cylinder block in such a manner that the short can be removed immediately after the motor has been started. Because of the series wiring of the spark coil secondary through both spark plugs, shorting one plug allows a hotter spark to occur in the one remaining cylinder at a much lower cranking speed.

The pungent odor from bunches of peppermint hung near the top of screen doors will prevent flies from collecting on them.





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Ball and Socket Most Efficient Type of Hitch

construction clear. You will notice that your purchase of an axle and springs should include also shackles and spring hangers. Other automobile parts include the wheels and rims, a model-T Ford frame, and a suitable size con-

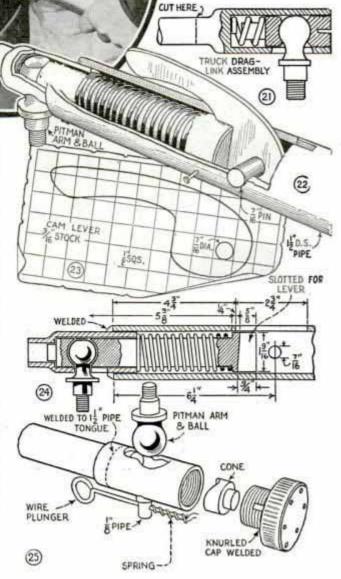
necting rod cap to hold the forward end of the pipe tongue. The chassis can be made any reasonable length desired, while the width of the two Ford frame sections is automatically fixed when the springs are bolted in place. Cross members will average 43 to 46 in. long.

Fig. 12 shows this same chassis as adapted for a model-T Ford front axle and spring. A low center of gravity is obtained by using the angle iron mounting shown in Figs. 10 and 11, but the standard method of mounting (Ford frame on edge and the front frame moved back to the center, as in Fig. 15) can be used if desired. In both cases, the Ford radius rod can be left in place for additional stiffness, but is not necessary with a good fit at the center. Figs. 13 and 14 show the standard method of locking Ford spindles. Details of the simple box body shown in Figs. 3, 4, 12 and 19 are pictured in Figs. 16, 17 and 18, the latter being a detail of a drop end gate, held in place by window casement fasteners at either end.

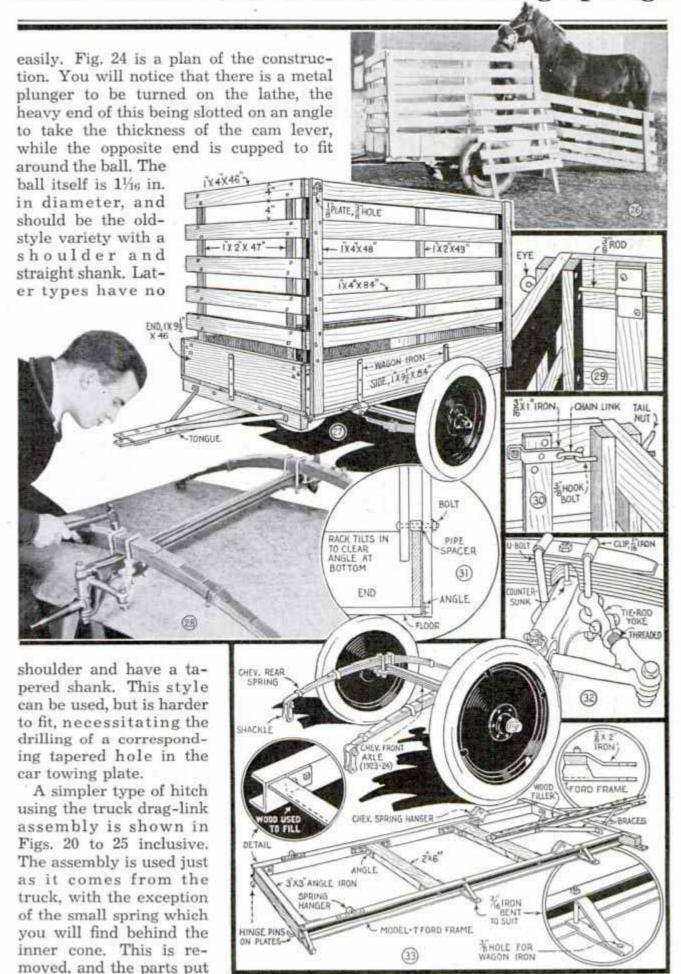
Proper hitching of the trailer to the tow-

ing car is important. Best results are obtained from a ball-and-socket joint, and an excellent hitch of this nature can be made from a drag link and steering ball taken from a heavy-duty truck. Fig. 21 shows the drag-link assembly as it comes from the truck. Fig. 22 shows a cutaway view of

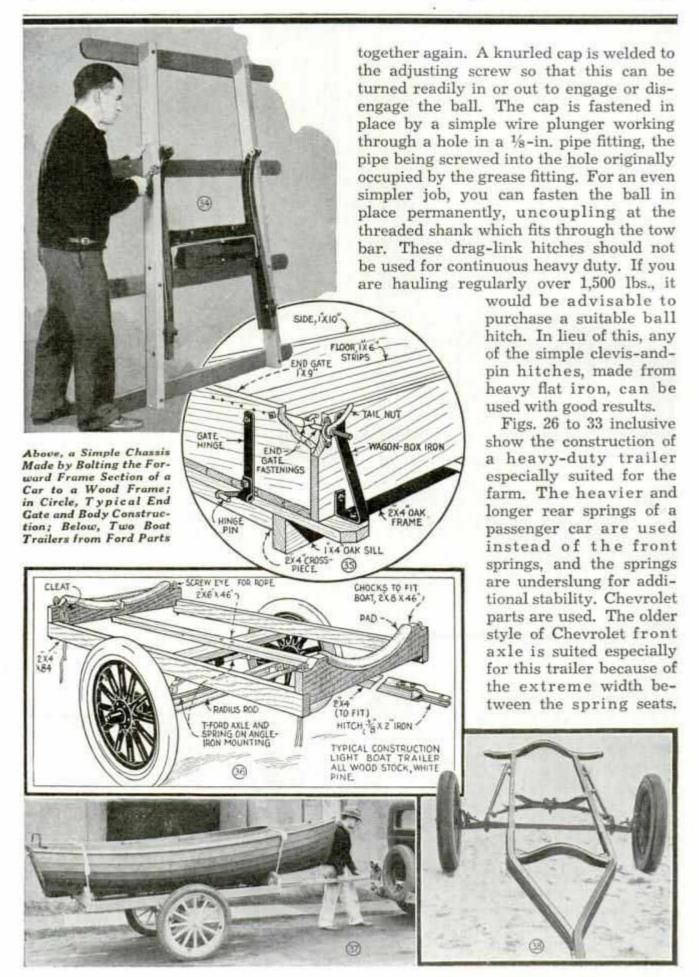
the trailer hitch as made from the drag-link parts. When the cam lever is down, the ball is locked securely in place; when the cam lever is pulled up, the ball is free and can be removed



Farm Trailer Fitted with Underslung Springs



Variations in Chassis and Body Construction

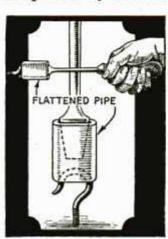


This is not a balanced trailer. The axle is set well back to overcome the natural tendency of live-stock cargo crowding to the rear. The chassis and body construction is much the same as already described, with the exception that it is heavier and better braced and fastened all the way around. The plan of the cattle rack, Fig. 27, shows one end and one side in place, the other end and side being exactly the same. The two sides are put in place first when the rack is used, the ends being held securely between them. Fig. 29 shows the manner of fastening at the front end, while Fig. 30 shows how the rear corners are hooked together. The hardware shown here and in Fig. 35 comprises stock items which can be purchased at any hardware store handling farm supplies.

Fig. 34 shows a simple method of chassis construction for the light trailer. The forward portion of the car frame carrying hangers, shackles, springs, etc., is simply bolted to a wooden frame and the job is ready for the box. A standard form of construction for this or any other chassis is shown in Fig. 35. Fig. 36 shows the construction of a typical boat trailer using a Ford axle and spring as pictured in Fig. 37. The framing will vary with the size of the boat, and any of the previously described chassis can be adapted. Fig. 38 shows another type of Ford construction, two frames being welded together in this case, with the transposed front member carrying the spring in the usual manner.

Handy Attachment for Driving Screw Hooks

When a number of screw hooks are to be driven into woodwork, the task may be simplified by flattening a short piece of



small pipe or tubing and slipping it
over the point of
a screwdriver. By
inserting the screw
hook into the opposite end of the
attachment, it may
be driven with
very little difficulty. Screw eyes
may be driven in
the same manner.

Waxed Cauls Aid in Gluing Veneer Work



Cauls Impregnated with Wax Are Handy When Clamping Up Several Pieces of Veneer Work

When gluing up veneered material, time can be saved if more than one piece is put in the clamps at one time, but this often results in ruined work because the glue oozes out and runs down on the piece underneath. To prevent this trouble, use cauls and impregnate them with paraffin wax, or a preparation consisting of equal parts of paraffin and tallow melted together. Any glue that has run down on the cauls can be scraped off after the job is done so they can be stored for future use.

Tubular Rivet Protects End of Oil-Can Spout

To prevent the spout of an oil can from getting clogged with dirt and grease, or to prevent the oil from spilling if the can is upset, slip a small tubular rivet over it as shown. The inside surface



of the rivet may be tapered slightly at the end with the point of a round file to make it fit snugly over the end of the spout.

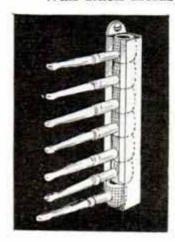


Discolored Straw Hat Bleached by Fumes from Flowers of Sulphur Confined under a Can

Renewing Your Old Straw Hat

Your old straw hat that has become slightly discolored can be bleached and given a new appearance by subjecting it to fumes from burning flowers of sulphur under an air-tight container. First brush and clean the hat with gasoline and let it dry. Then dampen the straw thoroughly by means of a wet cloth, and place it under a large can with the flowers of sulphur, which has been ignited. This work should be done outdoors or in a well-ventilated room, and will take 2 or 3 hours.—R. H. Wampler, Roanoke, Va.

Wall Rack Holds Smoker's Pipes



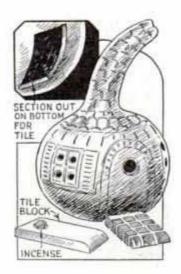
Here is a pipe rack that will automatically rotate seven corncob pipes, and, if a change is made daily, it will assure the smoker a dry pipe for each day of the week. It hangs on a wall and is made from strips of thin wood

or sheet metal. Used pipes are inserted at the top opening, and the dry ones are removed from the bottom. With slight changes, the rack may be made to accommodate pipes of other types.

A Novel Incense Burner

Resembling a "Mother Goose Cottage," this novel incense burner is made from a

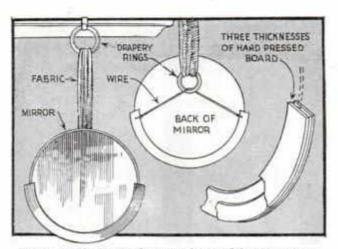
gourd. The window openings should be just large enough to supply the proper amount of air to give a good draft up the "chimney." This can be determined by cutting the openings one at a time. The incense burns on a tile block. A wood block, scribed and painted to resem-



ble a brick walk, placed in front of the door, adds a touch of novelty.

Hanging a Circular Mirror

Here is a modern, inexpensive cradle frame for hanging a circular mirror above a sideboard, hall stand or a vanity dresser. It is made by gluing together three pieces of hard pressed board, which have been cut to the shape shown. The middle piece is cut narrower so that a groove, in which the mirror rests, will be left extending along the inside curve of the frame. The assembly is hung by a strip of fabric.



Frame Made of Hard Pressed Board for Hanging a Circular Mirror above Dresser or Sideboard

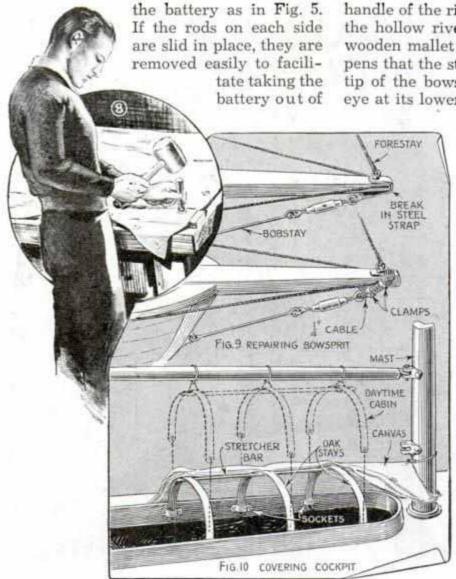


Many owners of small boats usually spend a few weeks in repairing, varnishing, painting and doing dozens of small jobs to get the craft in readiness for the coming season. With this overhauling job in view, there are a number of simple, effective "kinks" that are worth remembering.

In case of a splintered rail, which you would rather repair than renew, take a sheet of thin-gauge copper, bend it to fit snugly around the rail and tack it underneath the combing as shown in Fig. 1. Sharp edges should be dressed down with a file. Two coats of paint will help to fill the slight space between the metal and wood, and to make the repair scarcely noticeable. Where molding is used to hold cabin mattresses in place, and part of the molding is split off, a repair can be made by gluing and tacking in a piece of dowel rod as in Fig. 2.

On one occasion, the gaff of the mizzen had a broken jaw. Replacement meant an extensive forming job, so a new section of oak was spliced to the tip, as shown in Fig. 3. The broken edge was planed smooth at an angle, and a new tip fitted, after which it was drilled for long wood screws, used to join the pieces together securely. Then the long splice was wound tightly with small-diameter copper cable—of the kind used for radio antennas—and the finished job was varnished heavily.

The crank of an auxiliary engine may be kept at hand conveniently and ready for instant use, if it is hung on a couple of screw hooks driven into the side of the engine housing as shown in Fig. 4. Where a small storage battery is used for starting or lighting, the electrolyte may be spilled out of the battery if it tips far enough when the boat heels over in a stiff breeze. To avoid this, make a swinging cradle for



. the cradle. When the winding stem of the ship's clock has become worn so that the key slips, take a small piece of steel rod, drill a hole lengthwise into one end and then square the hole by driving a file tang into it, the tang having been ground previously to the proper square shape as in Fig. 6. In doing this, the rod should be red hot, and a mallet should be used to drive the file; otherwise the hard metal of the file may chip off and endanger the worker's eyes. The opposite end of the rod is slotted and the key handle driven into it. For varnishing the mast, a handy can, cut from a 1-qt, varnish can as in Fig. 7, will be helpful as it is within easy reach, will not tip over, and is closed at the top to protect the contents from sand, dust and shavings while scraping and sanding the mast.

In making up sail covers, the difficulty of getting the grommets to spread evenly can be overcome by using a metal faucet handle of the right size. This is placed into the hollow rivet and driven down with a wooden mallet as in Fig. 8. It often happens that the steel strap, fastened over the tip of the bowsprit and provided with an eye at its lower end for the bobstay, rusts

> through just below the bowsprit. To make a permanent repair without removing the forestay, jib, etc., take a length of ¼-in. galvanized steel cable, thread it through the eye and over the tip of the bowsprit as many times as the eve in the end of the turnbuckle will permit. Then pull it up as tightly as possible and fasten with two cable clamps. The turnbuckle then is tightened to take the strain as in Fig. 9.

> On a small boat without a cabin, it is often quite a problem to arrange a suitable cover for sleeping on inclement nights while on a cruise, and at the same time provide a head-high cover that can be used during the day under the same

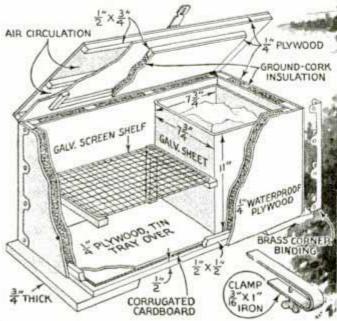
weather conditions. Such difficulty is solved by the cover shown in Fig. 10. Small sockets are screwed to the sides of the cockpit to hold steam-bent oak ribs. These are spaced at the top with a stretcher bar that can be slipped out. A canvas cover then is fitted over this framework. For a daytime cabin, the whole assembly may be held on the mast as indicated by the dotted lines. A strip of canvas between the cockpit coaming and the suspended canvas cover will form a small, but comfortable cabin in a drizzle.

Skid Chain on Rake Extinguishes Grass Fire

Instead of using wet sacks or blankets on a garden rake to extinguish grass fires, take an old auto skid chain and entangle it in the rake teeth. The chain will cover a wide surface and its weight makes it effective in raking out flames.

Running-Board Ice Box Has Air-Cooled Lid

Your food will be kept cool when touring on a hot day, if stored in this runningboard ice box, which is well insulated and has an air-cooled lid to permit maximum circulation. Light plywood or insulating board is used for the double walls, between



which ground cork, sawdust or powdered asbestos is stuffed. A shallow tin tray is fitted in the bottom over a piece of corrugated cardboard, and the galvanized ice tank, which occupies about half of the interior, is set in the tray so that the latter will catch moisture that condenses on the

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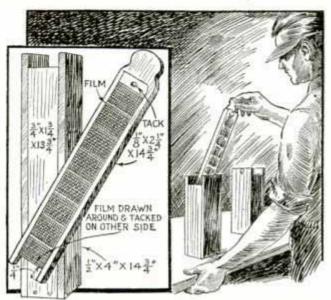
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outside surface of the tank. No drain is provided in the tank as the cool water from the ice, collecting in the tray, helps to keep the temperature down.

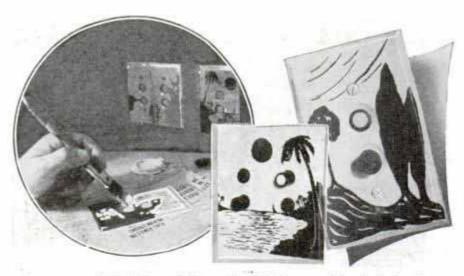
Tank to Develop Roll Films with Small Amount of Fluid

With this homemade tank, roll films are developed easily in a small amount of developer. First make a wood paddle as shown, on which to place the film, and then construct a box to take the paddle. Impregnate the inside surface with wax to make the box waterproof. In use, one end of the film to be developed is tacked to the upper end of the paddle, emulsion side out, and then brought down under the other end and tacked to the opposite side. A rubber band stretched across the two longer sides of the box, prevents the paddle from floating in the fluid.

¶If used safety-razor blades are placed in a jar of sulphuric acid, they will corrode and the sharp edges will be destroyed.



With This Simple Tank, You Can Develop Your Own Roll Films Inexpensively



Appearance of Wall Switch Plates Greatly Improved by Painting Scenes of Landscapes Clipped from Magazines

An Improvement in Wall-Switch Plates

By painting landscapes or figures to match the surrounding wallpaper on the plates of wall switches, they are made more attractive and the work of polishing them is eliminated. If you are not adept at painting, pages of catalogues or magazines will provide a variety of landscape scenes, the outlines of which can be traced on the plates and then painted in. To make the work easy, paint the plates white and trace the scene on this, painting the details in black to give the picture depth. This produces neat effects as indicated in the two right-hand photos. Or, if you want to imitate the wallpaper figure on the plates, use colors that correspond to those in the paper. A coat of clear varnish will protect the completed work. A better job can be had if a glass switch plate is used. In this case, the picture is painted on the back of the plate in black, after which the white background is painted over it.

Keeping Your Golf Clubs in Repair

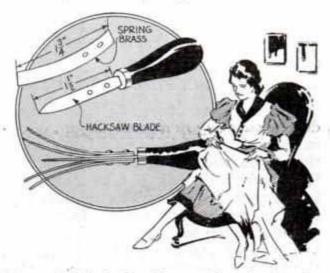
It is a good idea to test wood-shafted golf clubs occasionally for looseness by twisting the shafts against the necks of the heads. If moderately loose, stand the clubs in light oil overnight with the necks submerged. If a club is extremely loose, remove the head and wrap the end of the shaft with fine waxed, linen thread and then force it back into place. To put a beautiful finish on wood shafts, sand off the old surface and wet them slightly to swell the grain. When thoroughly dry, sand them again and wipe with a clean

cloth. Then polish with a cloth saturated with a mixture of shellac, 60 parts, and machine oil, 40 parts. If you desire the grain to show clearly, add a little powdered charcoal to the mixture. Steelshafted woods may be tightened by removing the screws in the heads and swelling the holes in the metal by tapping them with a hammer until they fit the screws snugly. In smoothing out

nicks and dents on the sole of iron clubs, tap them into line with a hammer as much as possible. It is best not to grind them unless absolutely necessary, as this removes the metal and may destroy the balance of the clubs. When clubs are not in use, lay them flat. If they stand on end, the weight of the heads may warp the shafts.

Handy Knife for Ripping Seams

Seams in cloth can be ripped easily by using this knife, which is made from a 3-in. length of old hacksaw blade, and fitted with a suitable handle. Two slightly curved pieces of spring brass are riveted



Improvised Knife Rips Seams without Cutting the Cloth or the Operator's Fingers

to each side of the knife and project about ¼ in. beyond the point of the blade. In use, the edges of the cloth at the seam are inserted between the two little flat springs on each side of the blade after which the knife is pulled along the seam.

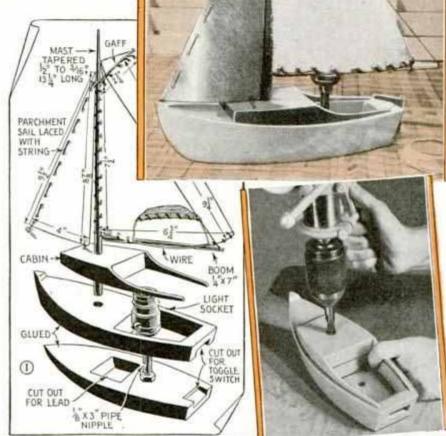
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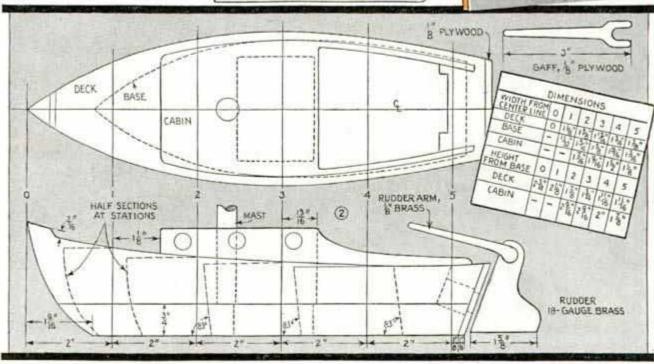
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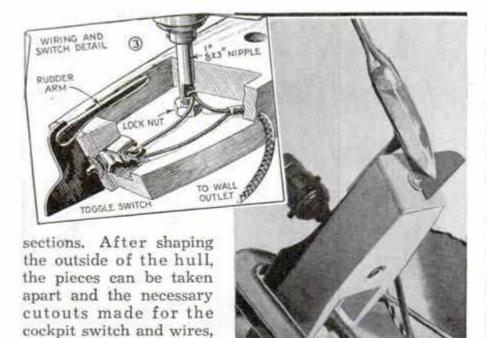
"LIGHT UP" with this novel sailboat lamp means "Port your helm," with the rudder arm and rudder, which controls the toggle switch to turn the light on and

off. The light itself is enclosed within a parchment shade, which is shaped around wire frames at top and bottom to resemble a ship's sail.

Most of the construction concerns the hull of the boat. As shown in Fig. 1, the bottom part of the boat is a separate piece, while the upper part and the cabin are cut from a single thickness of 2-in. stock. By bandsawing the deck line carefully, the cabin will fit into place perfectly. Shaping of the hull sides is accomplished by simply tilting the band-saw table to an angle of 83°. A few strokes with a plane will round off the forward







of Fig. 2, erecting the station lines on 2-in. centers, before commencing the actual construction.

as shown. It is advisable

to make a full-size plan

The sail is made from parchment paper, which may be purchased flat or cut from a discarded shade. It is laced around wire loops at the top and the bottom, and then can be laced to the ½-in. dowel which serves as a mast. The jib sail is merely a triangular piece of parchment, cut to the size shown, and suspended on a string running from the mast to the bow of the boat. The boom and the gaff are made

easily, and add to the sailboat motif while helping to hold the shade securely in place.

Fig. 3 shows the switch detail. This is made by slotting the arm of a small toggle switch so that the brass rudder can be soldered in place. The rudder arm, which is made of 1/8-in, brass, is soldered to the rudder, the whole unit serving as the light switch. The light socket is carried on a 1/8 by 3-in. pipe nipple, which is held to the base of the hull by means of two locknuts. The pipe is cut near the lower end to allow the

wires to be connected with the switch.

Additional finishing touches can be added if desired, such as port holes, a small anchor, mooring line, etc. As shown in the heading photo, the hull is done in white pine with a colorful lacquer finish. A varnish finish on hardwood would make up nicely also. The lead in the lower part of the hull makes the lamp "stay put," but could be omitted if desired. The bottom should be covered with felt to prevent the wood from marring polished surfaces.

Attic Floor Laid on False Joists to Protect Ceiling Plaster



False Joists Support Attic Floor and Prevent Plaster on Ceiling from Being Cracked

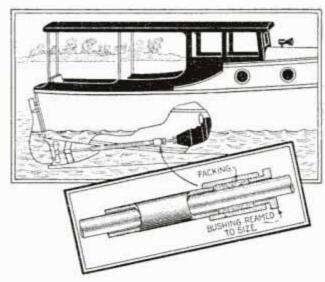
There is enough spring in long 2 by 10in. joists to crack ceiling plaster of the
room below if the attic floor is laid directly
on them. To prevent this, one home owner
installed a set of false joists between the
regular ones, resting the false joists on elevating blocks on the plates, which raised
them above ceiling joists. The attic floor
then was nailed to the false joists.

Sandpaper Prevents Slipping of Belt on Sewing Machine

Instead of applying a sticky dressing to a sewing-machine belt, which may soil the work, rough the inside surface of the belt with medium-grade sandpaper. This can be done by holding the paper against the belt while the machine is in motion.

Stuffing Box for Propeller Shaft on a Motor Boat

A stuffing box made and installed as shown, has been used in a 22-ft. motor boat with excellent results. In order to get the hole for the box through the keel at the correct angle, it is best to make a guide for the drill bit. This can be done by drilling a hole through a block of wood and then sawing it in two at the correct angle. Use a bit 1/8 in. smaller than the outside diameter of the pipe. After drilling the hole, thread the pipe with the dies opened to cut a very light thread. Spread a thick coat of marine glue or white lead on the pipe and inside the hole and then screw the pipe through the keel. Screw on a pipe coupling and ream a reducing bushing to the size of the propeller shaft. All water pipe has a larger inside diameter than indicated. For example, the inside diameter of a 1-in, pipe is actually 11/8 in., so a 1-in. shaft can be used easily.



Stuffing Box for Boat-Propeller Shaft Made of Pipe and Fittings Is Easily Installed

Retarding Growth of Dandelions

According to lawn experts at the state college of Iowa, dandelions can be controlled by spraying a lawn with a solution consisting of ammonium sulphate, ½ lb., and water, 1 gal. Apply one gallon of the mixture to each 100 sq. ft. of lawn two or three times each year. This will retard the growth of the dandelions and promote the growth of lawn grasses.

¶A toy flour sifter is handy for sprinkling powdered sugar over cakes, pastries, etc.



Pointed Wood Strips on Side of Wheelbarrow Aid in Removing Litter from Tines of Pitchfork

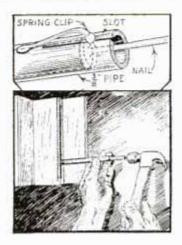
Pickets on Wheelbarrow to Clean Pitchfork Tines

The difficulty of keeping a pitchfork from clogging with straw and leaves, when loading such litter into a wheelbarrow, can be overcome by nailing a couple of wood strips on one side of the barrow. Then by inverting the fork over the strips and pulling it toward you, the litter is removed from the fork tines easily.

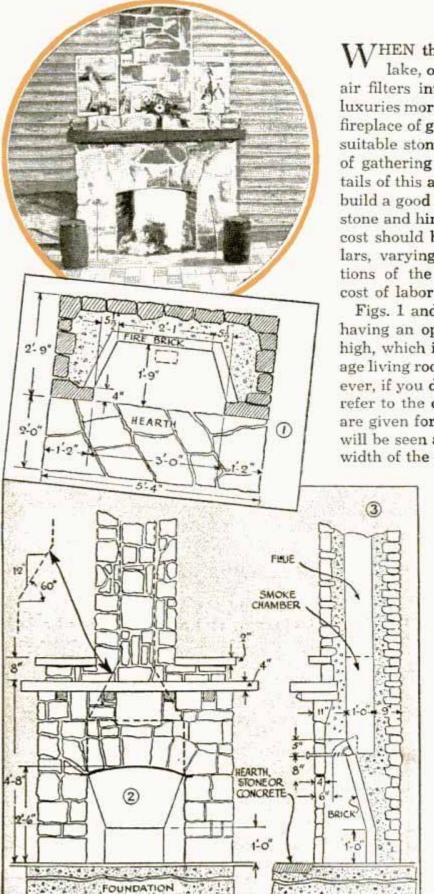
Holder to Drive Nails in Tight Places

I have found the tool shown very handy for driving nails in places difficult to reach with the hands. It consists of a length of %-in. pipe and a ¼-in. iron rod a little longer than the pipe. A narrow slot is sawed in the side of the pipe at one end

to receive a spring clip, which is soldered in place to hold the nail as shown. In use, the nail is held in place with the tool and then driven by striking the end of the rod with a hammer.—Benj. Nielsen, Aurora, Nebraska.



FIREPLACES built for

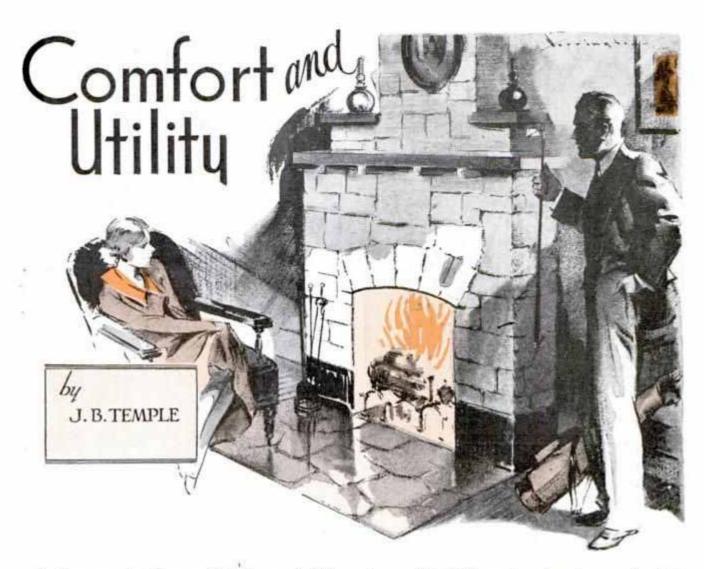


WHEN the night fog rolls in from the lake, or when the crisp spring or fall air filters into the cottage, there are few luxuries more desirable than a comfortable fireplace of good design. In many localities suitable stone may be had for the trouble of gathering it, and by following the details of this article, the average person can build a good fireplace. If you purchase the stone and hire a mason to do the work, the cost should be well under a hundred dollars, varying, of course, in different sections of the country, according to local cost of labor and material.

Figs. 1 and 2 show plans for a fireplace having an opening 36 in. wide and 30 in. high, which is recommended for the average living room of a summer cottage. However, if you desire a larger or smaller size, refer to the chart, from which dimensions are given for fireplaces of various sizes. It will be seen also in Fig. 1 that the over-all width of the stonework is 64 in. A word of

explanation regarding this detail: It was thought that most of the fireplaces built from these plans would be placed in cottages already erected, and, as the studs in such structures are generally placed 24 in. from center to center, an over-all size was adopted that would require the removal of only two studs. However, if you have the space, you may increase the width of the face of the front walls from 14 in., as shown, to 18 in., which will make your total over-all width exactly 6 ft. If you build a fireplace with an opening wider than 36 in., the width of the side walls should be increased to preserve an artistic balance.

Before you build, it will be necessary to decide



whether or not a damper is to be used. Fig. 3 shows a sectional detail with a standard dome damper in place, while Fig. 4 gives the proper throat construction, if no damper is used. We strongly advise the use of a damper, which should be the full length of the throat and set as near to the front as is practicable. A damper up in the flue is worse than useless. You can purchase a suitable device from any builders' supply house at a very small cost. A dome damper controls the draft, when the fireplace is used, helps to support the masonry and, if closed, prevents a draft from going either up or down the chimney when the fire is not lit, thus keeping insects, squirrels, mice, etc., from coming down the chimney when the cottage is closed and unoccupied. In ordering the damper, mention the width of the opening (in the detail shown this width would be 36 in.) and specify cast-iron frame and rotary-controlled type with operating rod, preferably at one side and not in the center. If the rod or handle comes in the center, the damper may have to be moved up or down

to avoid drilling the keystone. As the stones on either side of the keystone are smaller, the rod can be placed in a mortar joint more easily if the operating mechanism is not in the center.

Before starting the actual work, it will be necessary to arrange for the materials. We will now lay out an approximate bill of material. This bill may vary a little according to the depth of the foundations, the height of the chimney, or any other modifications of this design, which may be necessary or desirable in particular cases. For our list we will assume that you are going to build a fireplace of the size which has an opening 36 in. wide and 30 in. high as detailed in the plans.

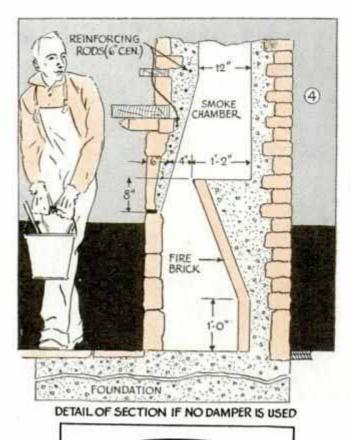
BILL OF MATERIAL

1 36-in. fireplace rotary-control damper

1 3 by 1/2-in. steel arch bar

16 bags Portland cement (for average height)
120 fire bricks (or hard-burned common brick will do)

3 to 4 tons stone (field stone preferred)
Mantel shelf—wood, stone, cement, or choice
Material for forms
Sharp sand for concrete



We are now ready to consider the details of construction step by step:

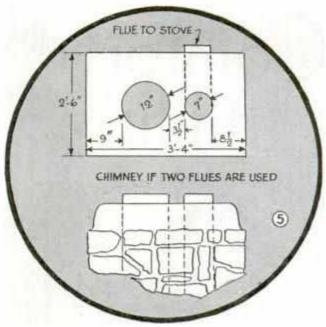
DETAIL OF 3"X & ARCH BAR

3-0"

The foundations should be carried down to a solid bed below the frost line. If you are building on wet or soft ground, spread the base and use reinforcing rods in the same. These rods are not necessary if you have good bearing soil. Carry the footing almost up to the floor of the building leaving space to later finish up the hearth with tile or cement at top-floor level.

Field stone is less likely to crack from the heat than stone taken from the water. Also split stone is more satisfactory than cobbles. Attractive designs may be obtained by matching up various faces, colors and textures of stone.

When the foundation is completed, build a wooden form to the inside shape of your firebox, Fig. 1, and start laying up the outside shell of stone. Lay up the fire bricks against your form and fill in between these bricks and your outside wall with concrete. When you reach the top of the opening, place the 3 by ½-in. steel arch bar, below Fig. 4, and build a removable wooden form back of the arch to the height of the damper (or if no damper is used, up to the



throat). Continue the stonework outside, backing the inside with concrete, and set the damper in place.

All wooden forms should be made so that they can be removed progressively from the inside of the fireplace. Use small nails and do not clinch them. It is bad practice to depend on burning out the forms. They should be dismantled as soon as the cement is set.

We now come to a very important part of the detail. The smoke chamber and shelf have two important functions, first to stop down-draft, and second to prevent too much heat from going up the chimney. You will note that the smoke chamber at its bottom is the full width of the opening and that you are to taper it up on a bevel of 7 in. to every 12 in. to the flue size (see Figs. 2 and 6). The actual horizontal depth of the smoke shelf is not important, but it should be at least 9 in. (see Fig. 3). Build your forms to these details, and lay up your stonework to the base of the flue.

A circular flue is considered to be more efficient than a square flue, but if it is easier for you to build the latter do not hesitate to do so, provided that you give it sufficient area in cross-section. A rule for figuring the size of the flue for wood-burning fireplaces is to make it about one-tenth of the area of the fireplace opening. A satisfactory size for the fireplace detailed would be a circular flue 12 in. in diameter or a square flue 10 by 10 in. If you are going to use the former get a length of 12-in. sheet-iron pipe and punch

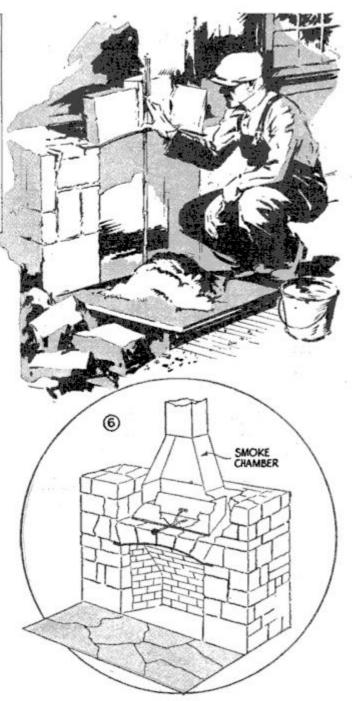
Width of Firebox	Height of Opening	Depth of Firebox	Size o	f Flue If Rec- tangular	Width of Throat if no damper
24"	24 to 28	16 to 18	9"	8'x 8'	4"
30"	26' to 28'	16 to 20	10"	9'x 9'	4.
36"	30° to 32°	18 to 24	12"	10 × 10	4.
42"	30" to 32"	20" to 24"	12"	12"x 10"	5.
48"	32° to 34°	21" to 26"	13"	12"x 12"	5"
54"	32° to 36°	21" to 28"	15"	12°x 15°	6.

In all cases splay smoke chamber and sides of firebox to the bevels shown on plan. Depth of smoke shelf may vary from 9"up to 18."

a couple of holes near one end of it for placing a ½-in. pipe or rod diametrically through it for a turning handle. Set this pipe in place and use it as the interior form, moving it upward as you proceed with the work. If you prefer the square flue you may use lumber for the form. Clay flue linings may be obtained also, which can be left permanently in place. These make an excellent job, but they are comparatively expensive.

It is often necessary that the fireplace chimney should serve as chimney for a cook stove. A 7-in. stovepipe or thimble can be placed through the flue wall at the desired height for the smoke pipe from the stove. However, it is considered better practice to build a separate flue in the chimney to take a stovepipe as shown on Fig. 5. When the flue reaches the roof line, flash with galvanized sheet iron or copper by inserting the metal about 3 in. into the chimney, then extending and lapping it about 10 in. over the adjoining roof. Continue the chimney to at least 2 ft. above the peak, and cap with cement.

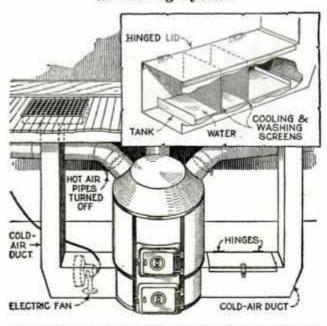
When your stonework has been completed, do not light a fire in your fireplace for at least one week. It takes some time for the concrete, which is not exposed to the air, to dry out, and if the moisture is driven out by excessive heat, cracks are likely to develop. It is very important that all details as explained should be followed carefully; without going into the theory of fireplace design, you may be assured that there are very good reasons for the various slopes, bevels and areas shown on the drawings. If you can handle stonemason's tools in splitting the stone, in pointing or raking out the exterior joints, or in coloring the mortar to contrast with the stone, you can obtain pleasing decorative effects.



How to Make Ship-Model Flags Drape Naturally

Even though ship-model flags are made from very thin fabric, they tend to appear stiff and unnatural if attached in place without treatment to make them drape naturally. This can be done by attaching the flag to its staff and holding it in the steam from a tea-kettle spout for a few minutes. While still damp, the staff is put in place on the model, and, when the fabric dries, the flag will remain in a naturally draped position. If the flag is attached directly to a mast, the same effect is achieved by leading the steam through a rubber hose from the kettle spout.

Hot-Air Furnace Utilized as Cooling System



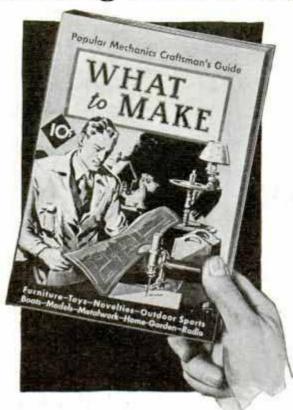
Small Unit Installed in Cold-Air Duct of Furnace Washes and Cools Air

If your home is equipped with a hot-air furnace, you have the rudimentary parts, that need little changing, for installing a cooling and air-washing system for the summer months. First close the dampers in the hot-air pipes, as only the cold-air

ducts are to be used. Then loosen one of the ducts from the furnace jacket and insert the cooling unit shown in the detail. This consists of a shallow water pan and two copper screens to which a coarse mesh cotton cloth is fastened. Be sure the unit fits snugly against the bottom and sides of the duct. If the latter is round, make the screens and pan accordingly. Next cut out the upper section of the duct over the screen and hinge a tight-fitting lid over the hole to permit access to the unit. After fastening the duct to the furnace jacket, loosen the other one and install a large electric fan as shown. Filling the pan in the unit with water completes the job. When the fan is started, air will be drawn through the wet screens and circulated through the house. As air circulates through the system, the screens will filter out the dust and the air will evaporate the water in them, which will tend to cool it. Be sure to keep the water pan filled, and inspect the screens often, changing the cloth when it becomes filled with dust.

■Sifted coal ashes help to keep clay soil
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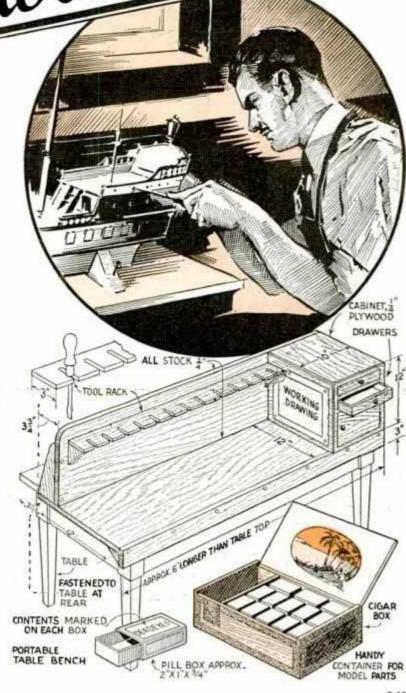


TOOLS

for the Modelmaker

GREATLY increased interest in model making has raised the question among beginners as to just what tools are required to follow this interesting and economical hobby. Fortunately, only a small outlay of tools is necessary for this work and these can be obtained at a very reasonable cost.

For those who have plenty of space available, a good substantial workbench may be constructed in the basement. A bench 6 ft. long, 2 ft. wide and 30 in. high is preferred by many model makers. This should be covered with linoleum, or a suitable substitute, and be provided with adequate lighting both from a window and by an adjustable electric light. However, for those who must work in restricted space, such as an apartment affords, a portable table bench is satisfactory. The working surface can be made from a single plywood panel, the best being surfaced with maple. The assembly is clamped quickly in place on a convenient table or, when not in use, can be stored





in a closet. The dimensions given are only approximate and the individual can make the unit either larger or smaller according to his requirements. A vise can be clamped on one of the projecting bench ends.

An assortment of hand tools includes a 4 or 6-oz. ball-peen hammer, a jewelers' saw with assorted blades, electric soldering iron, light tin snips, small needle-nose pliers, 4-in. machinists' tweezers, a fine nail set and twist drills from ¼ in. down to about No. 80. A lightweight hand drill and one or two sizes of pin vises should handle most drilling operations. Die sinkers' files in a variety of teeth and shapes are very useful for reaching into corners where a larger file cannot be used. Cutting tools for woodwork are covered by a

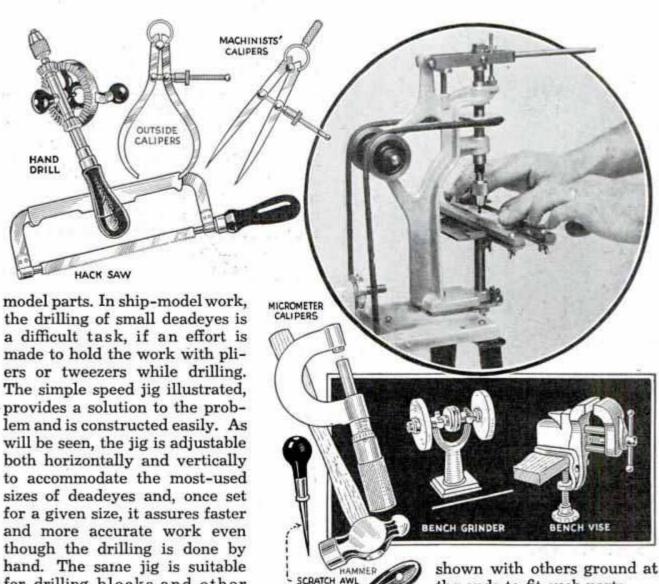
set of small wood-carving chisels and ordinary carpenters' flat chisels in ¼, ½ and 1-in. sizes. In addition, a block plane, a 2-in. spokeshave and a good jackknife should be purchased. A 6-in. steel machinists' scale, a pair of small outside calipers and a pair of dividers will take care of most measuring.

Sandpaper of different grades may be purchased as needed.

The suggested list of tools will serve for almost all average model projects in wood and for many operations in soft metals, such as soft brass, tin and steel. In model-railway construction, however, a small screw-cutting bench lathe is necessary. For grinding tools and stock, a double shaft bench grinder—with coarse and fine wheels—is essential. Likewise, the accuracy and speed of a bench drillpress will more than balance the modest price at which a good standard make can be purchased. Other metal-working equipment includes a machinists' hammer and some assorted files.

There has been placed on the market recently another machine for working wood and soft metals that entirely eliminates many tedious hand operations and delivers accurate work in a fraction of the time ordinarily required to make and duplicate model parts. As illustrated, this midget machine combines a small, high-speed circular saw and a miniature wood-turning lathe on a common base. A light jig saw, a drillpress, disk sander, planer, extension rest (for turning ship-model spars) and a routing device also are available as attachments with this machine. Thus equipped, the model maker has practically a universal assortment of power machinery suitable for making a wide variety of

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BLOCK PLANE

SPOKE

for drilling blocks and other

parts by replacing the clamps

the ends to fit such parts.

A model maker needs some handy container for the small parts he keeps on hand. One can be made from a cigar box and a number of pill boxes. A partition is fitted across one

end of the cigar box-the location depending upon how many of the pill boxes are used—to provide a compartment for materials that are too large to be placed inside the small boxes. The tops of the pill boxes are lettered to identify their contents. When buying tools other than those suggested, the model maker should be careful not to over-specialize by purchasing items restricted to one or a few uses. Likewise, if choice is optional between a large tool that will do reasonably fine work and a small tool suitable for the work only, the former is preferred. In this way, a tool assortment is available for other larger jobs that a craftsman may want to do between model projects.



Process Developed at the University of Minnesota Enables You to Prepare Bordeaux Mixture Quickly

Preparing Bordeaux Spray Mixture

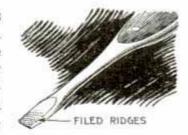
By a new process developed at the University of Minnesota, you can prepare Bordeaux mixture more quickly and with less equipment than by the old method. To make it in a 100-gal, tank, first fill the tank one quarter full of water. Then put finely pulverized copper sulphate, 8 lbs., in the intake strainer so that the inflowing water will wash it into the tank. While the water is being added, agitate the solution by means of a suitable lever or paddle. When the tank is three-quarters full, add dry, chemically hydrated lime (containing 70 to 73 per cent calcium oxide), 8 lbs. This is done by pouring it through the intake strainer with flowing water while the contents are being agitated. Where calcium arsenate, Paris green or arsenate of lead is to be added, for controlling chewing insects, it should be made into a thin paste and added to the mixture in the amounts recommended on the package. Water is added until the tank is full, after which the mixture is agitated one minute longer. The spray then is ready for use, and, as it deteriorates rapidly after the sulphate and lime solutions are united, it should be used as soon as possible.

■Use of a lathe bed as a substitute for an anvil quickly destroys its accuracy.

Grooves in Screwdriver Blade Prevent Slipping

If a screwdriver slips when driving large screws, take a three-cornered file and

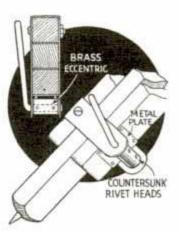
make several shallow grooves across the blade as shown. Practically the same result may be had by roughing the blade with the point of a center punch, making



a number of depressions on each side of the blade to raise the metal.

Quick-Acting Tripod Clamp

This clamp will save much time for the photographer, as one single movement of



the handle will either lock or unlock it. The side pieces are formed from a piece of thin steel about ¾ in. wide and the lever arms are made from ¾6-in. steel rod. The eccentric may be made from ¾6-in. brass rod. The holes in the brass

pieces must be drilled perfectly true and slightly off center as the eccentric action forms the lock.

Sidewalk Signs Anchored with Weights

Having no further need for a pair of cast-iron weights to hitch his delivery horses at the curb, a merchant used them to prevent his sidewalk signs from being

blown over. As the weights were already provided with rings for attachment of tie straps, it was only necessary to drive a screw hook into the bottom of each sign frame to hold the weight as shown.

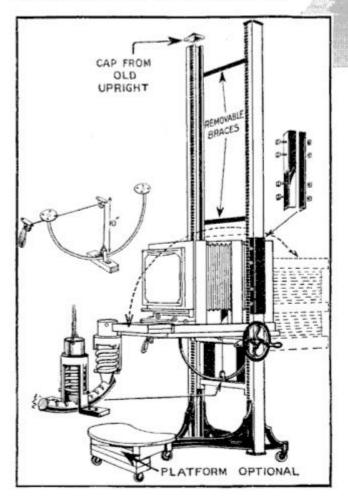


Oll-Purpose STUDIO CAMERA STAND

By W. J. REED

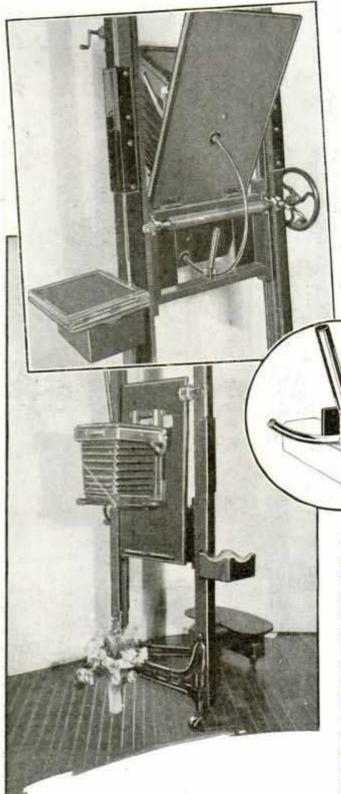
In my daily use of the well-known type of three-castered camera stand, with which so many photographic studios are equipped, I made a few improvements that greatly increased its utility to meet modern requirements.

The stand originally was made to permit a camera height of 4 ft., but by adding extensions on the two parallel uprights, a full range of adjustment up to 9 ft. was obtained. To do this, first remove all devices under the camera bed except the shaft with gears, which is attached to the hand wheel. Then attach two thin steel plates, drilled for six screws, to the



sliding frame to make it more rigid. To lengthen the upright, have two pieces of wood grooved and trimmed to the same size as the uprights. You can make these extension pieces any required length; 40in, pieces will give a range of height up to 7½ ft. They are attached with 14-in. lengths of 2 by 2-in, angle iron, drilled for bolts as shown in the detail. When attaching the extensions, remove the caps from the old uprights. These can be used to finish off the new ones. Two racks, with which the gears engage, are purchased from a supply house. These should be just as long as the extensions, and must be mounted carefully so that the gears will track easily. Strips of paper may be used to shim the racks at points where the surface of the wood varies. To increase the rigidity of the extension pieces, flat-iron braces are attached with thumbscrews.

To turn the camera in a vertical position for photographing objects on the floor, you



can make a tilting attachment. It consists of a piece of ½-in. iron rod bent to a semi-circle having a 10-in. radius. The ends are fitted with flanges to facilitate attachment to the bed of the camera stand. To hold the camera at any desired angle, notches, spaced ¼ in. apart, are filed in the rod as indicated, and a stationary finger, under spring pressure, is arranged on a cross-piece to fit the notches. The finger is a

steel rod ground or filed to an edge to fit the notches. It is held in a piece of pipe cut as shown, with the ends bent at right angles and drilled for screws, with which it is attached to a crosspiece located just below the notched rod. A small coil spring retained by a pin, forces the finger against the rod. A length of wire is attached to the top of the finger and is carried over two small pulleys to a handle. When this is pulled, it lifts the finger and allows the camera to be tilted.

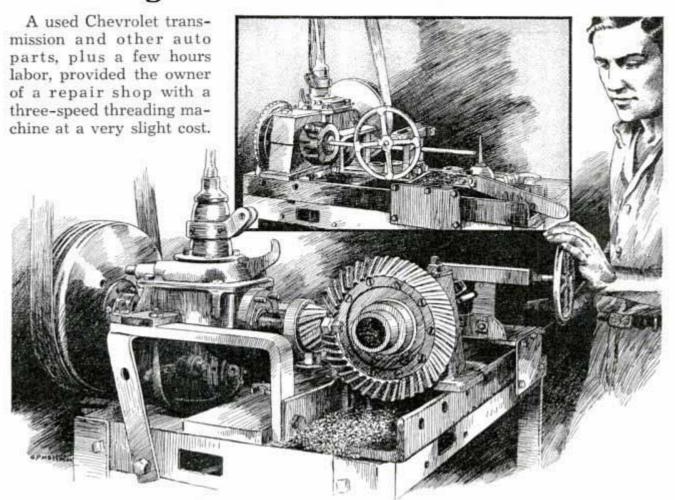
How to Prevent Wood Rot

As moisture is a common cause of wood rot, the prevention is to keep it out,

or, if this is not possible, to provide good air circulation around the wood so that the moisture will evaporate. When making a wood frame that is to be exposed to the weather, coat the insides of the joints with white lead before assembling in order to seal them against moisture. The outer surfaces, of course, should be kept painted. The bot-

tom ends of screen and sash stiles, where end grain is exposed, should be protected with paint. In building a porch, always be sure to provide for air circulation underneath the floor when it is finished. When setting porch columns, a better job will be had if the bases are cut out at the bottom so that they rest on a small part of the column at each corner, which should be coated with white lead at the points of contact. In cold weather, moisture condenses on window-panes inside the house and runs down between the glass and the wood, where it causes rot. If the panes are bedded in a small amount of putty when placed in the sash, water will be kept out. On the outside of a house where the bottom rail of the sash contacts the window sill, be sure the sash fits tightly on the inside, leaving a 1/8-in, space between the outer edge of the sill and the rail. The reason for this is that it is not possible to fit a rail so tightly that water cannot enter under it, therefore the space allows air to enter and evaporate the moisture.—John Hyler, Peoria, Ill.

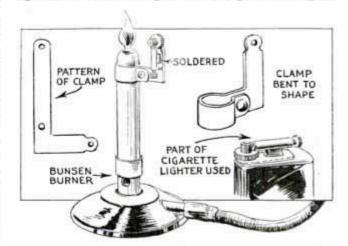
Threading Machine Is Made from Car Parts



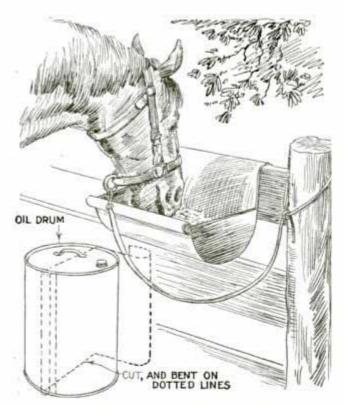
The shaft ahead of the transmission is fitted with a pulley, which was made from a brake drum, the latter being wound with tape to give proper friction with the drive belt, while the drive shaft at the other end of the transmission was cut off near the pinion, and the latter section welded to the transmission shaft, leaving out the universal joint. The pinion meshes with the ring gear, which is riveted to a die chuck made from the hub of an old tractor. The threading unit turns in a hardwood bearing, the bolts of which extend through a section of 8-in, channel iron forming a track for a moving clamp that holds the work to be threaded. The clamp is made of ½-in, iron and fits over the flanges of the channel iron. To the top of the clamp is bolted loosely an 8-in. Ushaped bar, through which a small handwheel is threaded with which to set the clamp bars. This gives quick adjustment and release of the work. A small cog bar then is bolted to the base of the channel beneath the carriage, which has a drop latch for moving the work forward.

Cigarette Lighter Improves Bunsen Burner

If you have an old cigarette lighter lying around, it can be used to good advantage as a lighter for your bunsen burner. The top part of the lighter, comprising the flint and scratch wheel, is removed and is soldered to a clamp made of sheet metal. This is fastened to the burner near the top so sparks from the lighter will ignite the gas.



Old Cigarette Lighter Soldered to Clamp Provides Good Lighter for Your Bunsen Burner



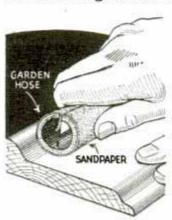
Feed Boxes That Can Be Moved Where Needed Are Made Easily from Small Oil Drums

Portable Feed Boxes for Live Stock

Made from small oil drums, these feed boxes are sanitary and will be found convenient for feeding cattle and horses outside of the barn. Drums of 5 or 10-gal. capacity are cut as indicated by the dotted lines, one half of each end being removed, and one side bent to hook over a fence board, or other support. The other side is rolled to eliminate the sharp edge.

Piece of Hose Serves as Sanding Block

A short piece of garden hose will serve as a sanding block for finishing work of



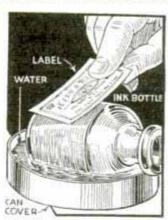
almost any shape. The hose is split along one side, after which a piece of sandpaper is wrapped around it and the ends folded down into the slot, where they are held by squeezing the hose together. A sander of this kind has an

advantage over the usual type in that the paper can be changed, or shifted quickly, to expose an unused portion to the work.

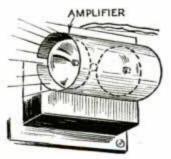
Emergency Label Moistener

When it is necessary to affix a number of gummed labels or stamps, and no moistener is at hand, place an ink bottle in a

shallow can cover that has been half filled with water. The bottle will roll easily in the pan and the labels or stamps may be moistened rapidly on its rotating surface as shown in the accompanying illustration.



Can Amplifier for Extension Phone Bell



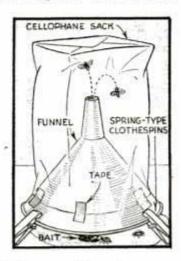
In garages or shops, where an extension telephone bell is placed in the workroom, the noise of machinery sometimes prevents the call from

being heard. This trouble may be eliminated by cutting a slot in a baking-powder can and slipping it over the bell as shown.

"Cellophane" Sack and Funnel Used as a Flytrap

An emergency flytrap may be made from a tin funnel, a Cellophane sack, and a few spring-type clothespins. The sack is

inverted over the funnel spout as shown, and drawn down snugly around the cone part, where it is held with short strips of tape or gummed paper. The clothespins are clipped around the rim of the inverted funnel to raise the trap so that flies can enter



to get the bait, which may be sirup or sweetened water.

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venient reach. The drill is equipped with a three-jaw chuck, which may be purchased

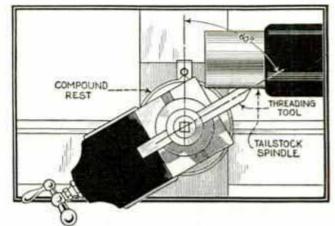
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fits on the motor shaft and is held in place with a set screw, as shown in the lower detail.

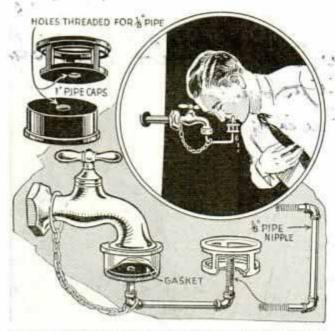
Threading Tool Is Set in Lathe without a Center Gauge

When a center gauge is not at hand to set a threading tool in a lathe, try the following method: First, set the compound rest at a 60° angle, run in the cross feed, and adjust the threading tool so that one tapered side of the point rests snugly against the tailstock spindle, as shown in the illustration, with no light showing between them. Then tighten the tool and set the compound rest at zero.

¶Corn meal will be found helpful in removing grease from the hands if rubbed on after working up a lather with soap.



Simple Method of Setting a Lathe Threading Tool When No Center Gauge Is at Hand



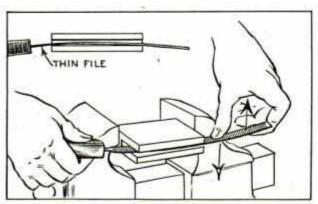
Owner of Filling Station Improvises Drinking Fountain from Pipe and Fittings for His Customers

Sanitary Drinking Fountain Made of Pipe and Fittings

Needing an inexpensive drinking fountain to accommodate his customers, the owner of a filling station made one from pipe nipples, elbows and two caps. After sawing out three sections from the sides of one cap, both of them were drilled and tapped to screw on the threaded ends of the nipples as in the above illustration.

A Hint on Using Slender Files

When using a slender file, the work is ruined sometimes because the necessary pressure that must be put on the ends of the file to make it cut bows it slightly in the center, thus causing the edges of the work to be rounded. To remedy this trouble and enable the work to be done with full strokes and a maximum pressure, the file may be grasped as shown. The pres-



How to Hold a Slender File to Prevent It from Bowing Up in the Center

sure of the forefinger and thumb being exerted in the direction shown by the arrows, bends the file to a sweep or curve, thus causing it to file flat across the work.

Boat Cleat Provides Handy Holder for a Padlock

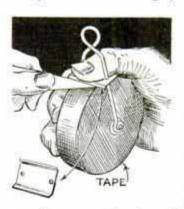
When a padlock is used on a door that must be left open at intervals, the problem of what to do with the lock, while the door is open, is solved with a small boat cleat. This is screwed to the door casing within convenient reach,



and when the lock is removed from the door, it is snapped over the cleat where it will be kept safely until needed.

Reel to Hold Friction Tape

To simplify unrolling and tearing off strips of friction tape, one may use a wire



reel of the type shown. A wooden cylinder, drilled to receive the wire hub, is inserted through the core of the tape to make it roll smoothly, and a piece of sheet metal, crimped at the edges and drilled

to slip over the handle, is held against it for tearing strips of desired length.

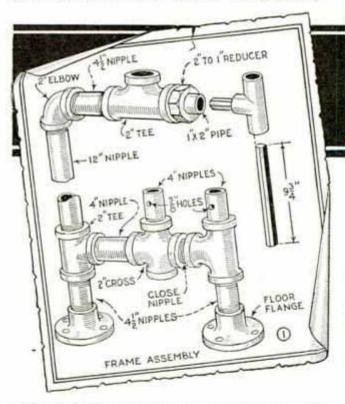
Opening a Shellac Jar

It often is difficult to open a jar of shellac after it has been used and re-sealed. To prevent this trouble, put the jar on a bench or table, bottom side up. Then with a straw or dropper, let a few drops of grain alcohol run inside the edge of the metal cover. The alcohol dissolves the dried shellac so that the top can be turned.

Homemacle BANDSAW
from Pipe Fittings and Auto Parts

By R. E. MYERS

YOU can build this efficient ball-bearing bandsaw easily from standard ironpipe fittings, two discarded model-T Ford front wheels, a single piston from the same car, and a few other pieces of scrap materials. The frame is assembled from 2-in. pipe fittings as in Fig. 1. First drill and tap the tees and the single elbow for ¼ by 1-in. set screws, placing these as in Fig. 8 to prevent the parts of the frame from shifting out of line. Screw the parts to-



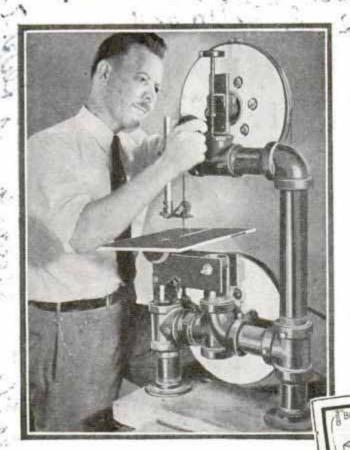
gether tightly, line up the upper arm with the lower cross member, and then tighten the set screws.

Next, you remove the spokes from the hubs of the two model-T Ford front wheels. Drive the outer flange up to the inner flange on both hubs, then with a hacksaw cut the spindle-bolt housings as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 4. The exact size of the remaining portion of the housings is not important as filing will be necessary in fitting the spindles to the frame and the



upper slide. Two disks are cut from 1-in. birch plywood, each 12½ in. diameter, and the center is bored out to fit over the wheel hub as in Figs. 6 and 8. Remove the hubs from the spindles and bolt the disk in place.

Now bolt the lower spindle to the frame as in Fig. 8. Make sure that the spindle is square with the frame both ways so that the wheel will run true. This will likely require some filing on both the spindle and the frame. Then fit the upper slide as in Fig. 8, from which you will see that a single bolt passes through the slide bar with a nut on each side; a set screw is tapped through the tee from the opposite side and bears against the lower end of the slide bar. Polish the bar so that the slide will move freely up and down. Fig. 3 dimensions the two parts of the slide which carries the upper wheel when assembled as in Figs. 5 and 8. Flat iron 1/8 in. thick is used for both pieces. Bend the slide over a piece of \(^3\)/s by 2-in, iron to get the proper size and fit. Smooth the corners with a file



When the spindles are in place and lined up, mount the drive pulley on the lower wheel as in Fig. 6. The pulley should be turned from hardwood with a V-groove slightly less in width than the V-belt, which is used to drive. Belt to the motor and improvise a rest for a wood-turning chisel so that you can turn the wheel disk to a diameter of exactly 12 in., and crown the face slightly. Then attach the pulley to the upper wheel in the same way and turn to the same diameter, with the same degree of crown on the face. Replace the pulley permanently on the lower wheel. Cover the face or tread of each wheel with a 1-in, rubber band fastened on with the special cement made for this purpose. Both bands and cement may be purchased ready.

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LUG FOR TRUNNION LOCKING BOLT

ASSEMBLY OF THE LOWER HALF OF THE TABLE TRUNNION

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RAME

until the part slides easily on the bar that has been attached to the upper arm of the frame. The slide should fit the bar snugly so that there is no side play. Unless otherwise indicated, all holes drilled in these two parts are % in. in diameter. The assembly complete ready for mounting is shown in Fig. 5. Two short lengths of 11/4 by 11/4-in. angle iron are riveted to the back of the slide to form lugs for the handwheels. To make the latter, turn out two hardwood disks and drive these onto 56-in. carriage bolts. Or, you can use a rod of the same diameter and bend the end to form a crank. In either case the threaded length of the tension screw should be 7 in. and the tilting screw 4 in. The tilting screw is tapped through the angle-iron lug and is provided with a nut to lock the setting. The lower end of the tension screw bears on a spur attached to the bolt holding the slide bar as in Fig. 8. The tension spring is 2½ in. long. The upper wheel spindle is attached to the yoke with a %-in. cap screw tapped into the end of the spindle, and also a %-in. stud, which is tapped into the flat section of the yoke as in Fig. 5. It is likely that some filing will be necessary to assure a true fit of the spindle housing against the yoke.

for use. The table trunnion, Figs. 2, 7 and 8, consists of two flat plates and a section cut from a model-T Ford piston as in Fig. 8. These three details show the construction of the trunnion clearly. The important thing is to position these parts so that when the table is tilted, the blade will remain in the center of the slot. To do this you first drill the plates at the ends, cut the piston and slot it as indicated, then clamp the whole table assembly in posi-

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tion on the frame. Provide a wing nut for the trunnion screw so that you can loosen it quickly and easily when necessary to tilt the table. By placing a blade on the wheels you then can determine the correct location of the holes for the bolts holding the plates. Though not essential, it is better to cover the plywood table top with a sheet of 1/8-in. aluminum. This is slotted for insertion of the blade and is held in place with countersunk screws. If desired, the table may be made larger than indicated in Fig. 7.

Figs. 8 and 9 show the type of blade guides used above and below the table. The roller guide, Fig. 9, may be used also below the table in place of the pin guide shown. The upper and lower guides and the upper guide bracket shown in Fig. 1

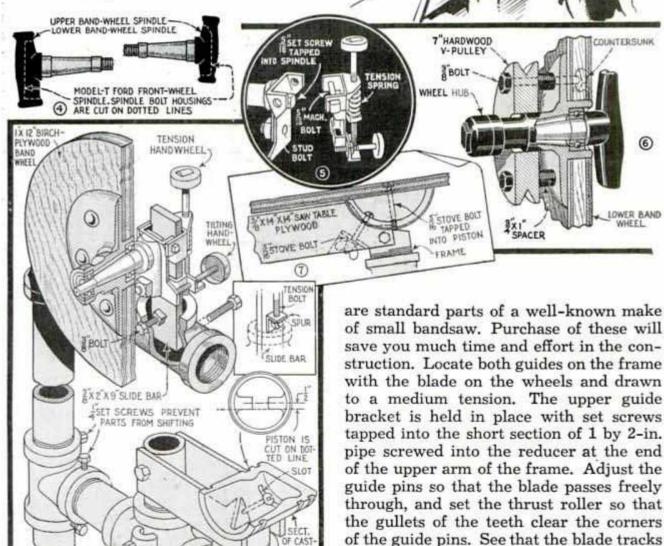
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LOWER BAND WHEEL

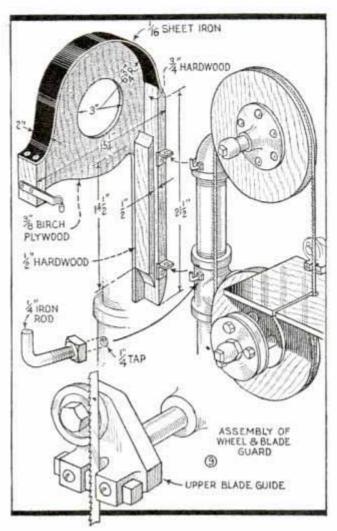
SPINDLE





PISTON

of small bandsaw. Purchase of these will save you much time and effort in the construction. Locate both guides on the frame with the blade on the wheels and drawn to a medium tension. The upper guide bracket is held in place with set screws tapped into the short section of 1 by 2-in. pipe screwed into the reducer at the end of the upper arm of the frame. Adjust the guide pins so that the blade passes freely through, and set the thrust roller so that the gullets of the teeth clear the corners of the guide pins. See that the blade tracks in the center of the tread on both wheels. Fig. 9 shows the construction of the upper wheel and blade guard. When you drill and tap the holes in the frame for the hooks that support the guard, be sure that you have these so located that when the



guard is in position the top will clear the upper band wheel by at least 1 in. This will allow sufficient space for the necessary up-and-down movement of the wheel. Blades for the standard 12-in, bandsaw can be used on this machine. These are 78 in. long, measured around the wheels, and come in widths from 1/8 to 1/2 in. Your machine should be mounted on a solid bench or stand and should be driven with a 1/4h.p. motor of 1,750 r.p.m. Use a 2-in. Vpulley on the motor to give proper blade speed. When using the machine, the blade should be drawn just tight enough to prevent its vibrating when the machine is running. To get the proper tension adjustment, start the motor and draw up slowly on the tension screw until the blade runs smoothly through the guides.

An Effective Hole Filler

Having a number of small, irregular holes through the clapboards and outer wall of a building that I desired to close and make as inconspicuous as possible, I filled them with a plastic cement made by mixing equal parts of Portland cement and asbestos boiler covering with water, to form a thick paste. This was rolled into a ball and forced into the holes. After allowing it to set for 12 hrs., it was smoothed off by scraping with a putty knife, and left to dry thoroughly. The asbestos and magnesia in the boiler covering tempered the cement and made it work smoothly and adhere firmly.—Charles A. Allen, Whitinsville, Mass.

Muslin Tents Protect Young Plants

Instead of using cans, jars and boxes as covers over young plants to protect them against either the sun or frost, make up a number of small muslin tents, which can be rolled up and stored when not in use. Strips of the muslin about 12 in. wide are hemmed at the ends and a V-cut made through the center of each hem. This permits the use of two small stakes at each end. When pushed into the ground at a wide angle, the stakes spread the muslin over the plants like a tent.

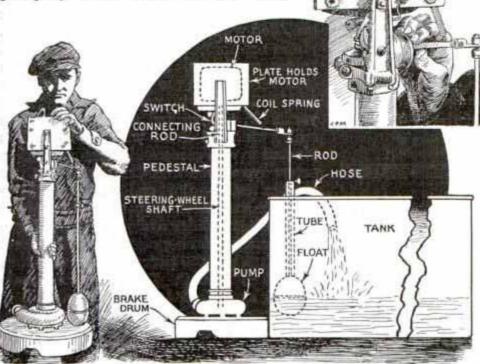


Strips of Muslin Stretched Tent-Fashion over Young Plants to Protect Them against Sun and Frost

¶To lower the freezing point of carbon tetrachloride in fire extinguishers to be used in cold climates, use chloroform, 10 parts, and carbon tetrachloride, 90 parts.

This Barrel-a-Minute Pump Has Many Uses

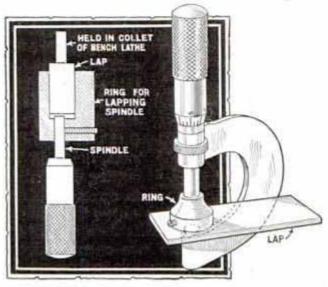
Anyone who has use for a small electric pump where the water does not have to be raised higher than 15 or 20 ft., can make one inexpensively from old auto parts. The pump may be used for draining small pools or for pumping water from shallow wells



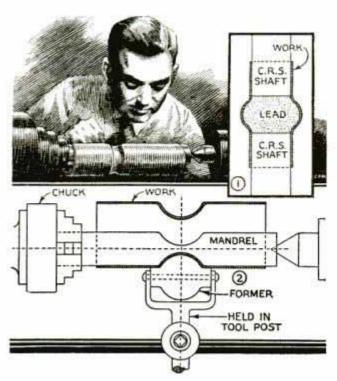
electricity is not available, as it can be driven with a small gasoline engine if a pulley is substituted for the motor, and a bearing provided for the drive shaft. Aside from the motor, the main part of the outfit is a water pump from a Buick car of the years 1918 or 1919. Other car pumps

and springs, and, as it is provided with a switch controlled by a float, it can be adapted to automatically keep basements drained in homes where there are no sewers to carry away the water during wet seasons. In addition to this, many uses for the pump can be found on farms where will do, but are not as effective as this type, which has the impeller blades running close to the pump housing. In assembling the pump, it is attached to a pipe standard, and the motor is mounted vertically at the upper end. The motor is connected to a shaft which drives the pump.

Micrometer Anvil and Spindle Trued with Lapping Tool



Unless the ends of the spindle and anvil of a micrometer are true so that they butt together perfectly, accurate measurements cannot be taken. To test for wear, bring the two parts together and sight between them. If they are worn, they may be lapped to true them up. For the spindle, the work is done in a lathe, using a steel ring and a lapping tool as shown in the detail. The anvil will have to be trued by hand. This is done with another ring and a flat lapping tool as shown. If the rings and lapping tools are made absolutely true, the repaired micrometer will be accurate.—Charles Kugler, Philadelphia, Pa.



Methods Used by a Machinist for Forming Bulges and Grooves in Copper Tubing

Two Methods of Forming Copper Tubing

Here are two methods used by a machinist in forming copper tubing. Fig. 1 shows how a bulge is made by compressing lead inside the tube, between the ends of two steel shafts. One shaft is clamped in a vise after which the other is struck with a hammer until the desired bulge is obtained. The lead is removed by melting it. A depressed groove is made in the tubing by means of a former as shown in Fig. 2. The tubing is slipped over a small mandrel, especially made up for this purpose, and then chucked in a lathe, after which the forming tool, held in the tool post, is fed into the work until the required depth of groove is obtained. As the diameter of the mandrel is smaller than the tubing. there is no difficulty in removing the work. It is a good idea to anneal copper tubing by heating and quenching it in water before forming it.

Eliminating "Ring" in a Field Drum

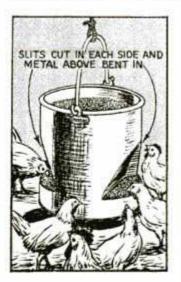
The ringing sound that can sometimes be heard when using a field drum, can be eliminated with a small piece of friction tape. It is placed under the drumhead so that it forms a chord, in relation with the drum shell, and is fastened in position by pressing the flesh hoop over it.—Sherwood Jones, Northampton, Pa.

Accurate Brake Tester

If you are to have full control of your car and avoid bad skids or accidents, it is. necessary that the brakes work equally on all four wheels. This can be assured only by adjusting them frequently, which you can do at no cost with the homemade tester shown on the opposite page. It consists of two pieces of hardwood pivoted together in the center, the ends of which are provided with adjustable, tapered handles. These are fastened to the pieces at right angles, as shown. A 40-lb. coil spring is fastened between the pivoted edges at one end, while a 16-in. scale, or a length of yardstick, is provided at the other. The scale, which is fitted with a "slider," is pivoted to one piece and slides through a screw eye driven into the other piece. To use the tester, adjust one set of handles to fit inside the wheel rim between the spokes and push the slider against the screw eve. With brake pedal depressed, and the wheel jacked up, put the tester in place and turn the wheel with it. Then note the scale reading as indicated by the slider. Follow this procedure on the other three wheels, adjusting the brakes so that all four will show the same scale reading.

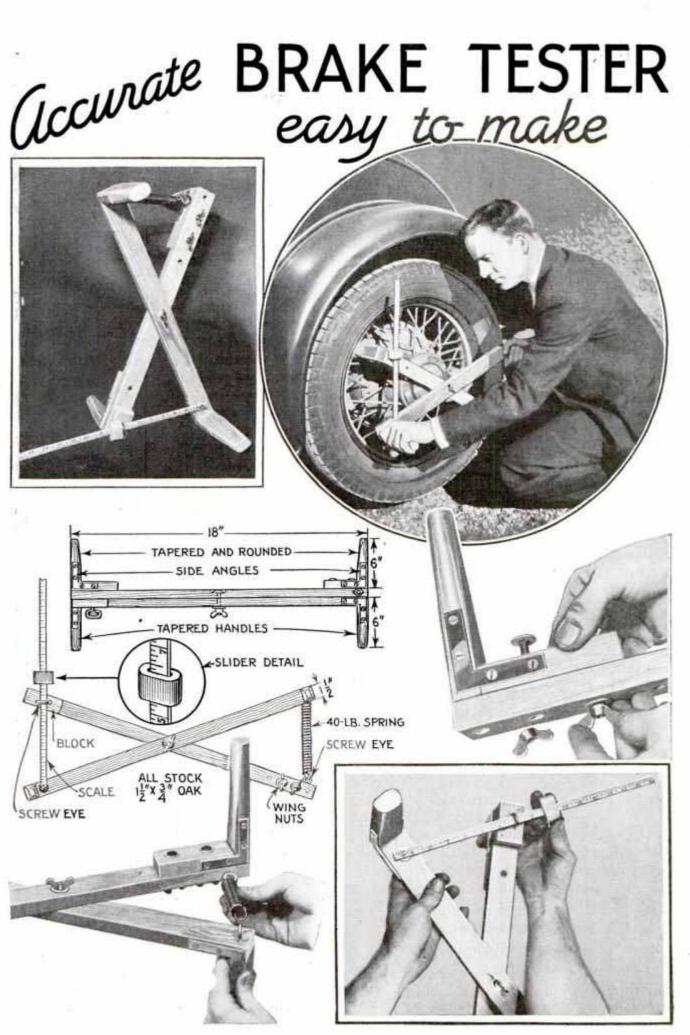
Pail Serves as Swinging Hopper to Feed Poultry

In order to keep rodents from getting into dry mash fed to poultry, shallow pails

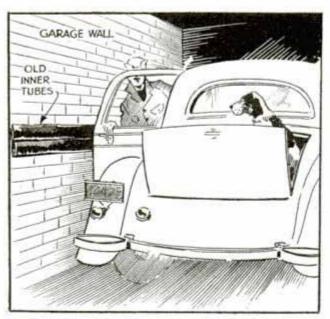


and pans often are suspended a few inches above the floor, but such containers have the disadvantage of being open at the top so that the chickens scratch litter into the mash. A better container, and one that will keep out rats, is made by cutting long slits in opposite sides

of a pail an inch or two above the bottom. The metal above the slits then is bent in, as shown, to provide two openings from which the mash is accessible to the poultry.



Old Inner Tubes on Garage Wall Protect Car Door



Inner Tubes Stretched on Wall Protect Car Door When Opened in Narrow Garage

If your garage is narrow, or it is necessary to park the car close to a wall where the door sometimes strikes when it is opened, stretch two or three old inner tubes horizontally along the wall at the point where the door strikes. The tubes will provide a cushion for the door to strike against so that the finish will not be damaged.—A. H. Waychoff, Tempe, Ariz.

Repairing an Alemite Grease Gun



When the threads on the cap and plunger rod of an Alemite grease gun become worn, a repair may be made cheaply. The plunger is removed from the rod and a die is

used to deepen the threads slightly, after which a nut is run on the rod to fit snugly against the inside surface of the cap, where it is soldered in place.

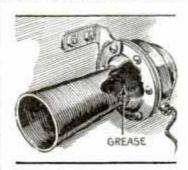
Loose Main Bearings Cause Noisy Timing Gears

Noisy timing gears are sometimes caused by worn main bearings which allow the crankshaft to drop slightly below its proper position in the motor. This causes an increased amount of play in the teeth of the gears, permitting them to rattle, and in many cases, causing a distinct knock. Taking up the bearings removes this play, often quieting the gears to the point where a replacement will not be found necessary. The amount of play remaining in the gears after the bearings have been adjusted can be checked easily, from underneath, by grasping the camshaft with a pair of heavy pliers and rocking it back and forth.

Grease Preserves Horn Diaphragm

Car horns often rust on the front side of the diaphragm and prevent a clear, loud

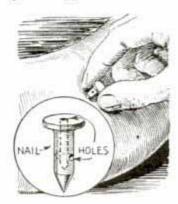
sound being produced. This is especially true of horns that are mounted outside the hood. Rusting can be prevented by applying a light coat of waterproof pump grease to



the diaphragm each year. If the diaphragm is rusted already, clean it with fine sandpaper before applying the grease.

Tire-Deflating Tool Made from Nail

Mechanics in a tire-repair shop will find this simple deflating tool a timesaver when patching inner tubes. Besides deflating the



tube, it serves to mark the location of the puncture until the patch is prepared. The tool is a large nail cut off near the head and pointed at the end. A hole drilled through one side intersects a second hole

drilled through the nail transversely to let air escape from the tube.

¶The latch and catch of the much-used right front door on most cars is interchangeable with the one on the left rear door, which, in most cases is used very little, thus doubling the life of the one on the front door at no cost.

Emergency Test for Spark Plugs

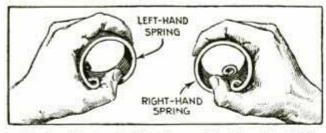
A spark plug that fires perfectly when laid on top of the cylinder block and tested in the usual way, sometimes fails to fire under compression in the cylinder. A better method of testing a plug is to insert a strip of mica between the points to increase the gap. The mica must be perfectly dry and thick enough to be puncture proof from sparks. Still another method is to increase the gap an amount proportional to the compression pressures in the motor and then test the plug on top of the cylinder in the usual manner. Thus, if normal compression is 75 lbs., as shown by a gauge, add 15 lbs. in order to get the ab-



solute pressure, and divide by 15 to determine the number of times the gap must be increased. In this example, the gap must be increased to six times its normal clearance, which in most

cases is .025 in., making a gap of .150 in. If the plug fires regularly in open air at this setting, it is reasonably certain that it will fire in the cylinder when reset to .025 in.

How to Determine Whether Starter Spring Is Right or Left Hand



Broken Starter Spring Grasped in Hand, to Tell Whether It Is a Right or Left-Hand Spring

A broken Bendix spring on a starter sometimes causes doubt as to whether it is a right or left-hand spring. To determine this, grasp it in either hand, and if the loop on the end of the spring turns with the thumb of the right hand, it is a right-hand spring, but if it turns with the left thumb, it is a left-hand spring.

Car radiator cleaners containing caustic alkali damage aluminum cylinder heads.



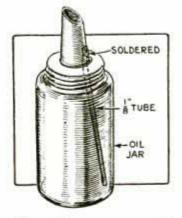
Valve Stem Soldered to Spark-Plug Shell for Testing Cylinder Compression with a Tire Gauge

Improvised Tool to Test Compression of Auto Motor

If you suspect that some of the cylinders in your car motor have low compression, you can check them with this tool, which is made by soldering a valve stem into a spark-plug shell. In use, the tool is substituted for the spark plug in the suspected cylinder, and the compression is checked with a tire gauge as the motor is turned over with the hand crank. While this method is not absolutely accurate, it does serve to show up weak cylinders.

Air Vent Helps Empty Oil Jars Used at Filling Stations

Time can be saved in servicing cars at filling stations if an air vent is provided in the oil jars so that the contents will drain quickly. The vent is a small tube having one end extended almost to the bottom of the



jar, and the other soldered over a small hole drilled through one side of the spout. A few drops of oil may run out of the tube when the jar is first turned upside down, but this will run down the outside of the spout into the motor.

Bottles Fitted over Drawer Pulls to Get Correct Cork Size



Druggist Saves Time in Fitting Bottles with Corks by Using Latter as Drawer Pulls

To save time in opening a number of drawers to fit a bottle cork, one druggist uses corks of different sizes for the drawer pulls and tries the bottle over these to determine the correct size. The corks are drilled lengthwise for wood screws, with which they are fastened to the drawers.

Sealing Wax Improves Shellac

By dissolving one or two sticks of good sealing wax in each pint of white shellac, the latter will take on a different charac-

ter. When dry, it will be firm and not easily marred, yet it will retain its toughness. If special colors of sealing wax are used, the shellac makes a unique finish for objects ordinarily finished with enamel.



¶High-speed reamers will often work in metal so refractory or tough that carbonsteel reamers would fail utterly.

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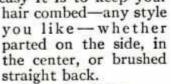
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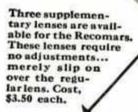
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ONE MAN AGAINST THE DEEP

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size of a baby buggy with a nozzle in front. From this nozzle, by means of a hose and a pump on the barge, Reed squirted water under 100 pounds' pressure into the mud. Day after day he trundled the washing machine on the bottom until he had hydraulicked the cables out of the silt.

One day while cutting a cable, the tide turned against him. Reed swung one leg over the cable and continued his sawing. When he finished, he discovered his life line was afoul one end of the cable which was slowly sinking back into the mud. The cable weighed many tons. It was pulling him into the mud with it. Seizing his knife, he cut the life line and called by telephone to his tender to pull him up by the air-line hose, a dangerous procedure indeed. Luckily, the air line swung free of the cable. Reed made it to the surface.

Meanwhile, the engineers were lining up a real job for him. In a near-by drydock they had fabricated clusters of huge steel tubes each topped with a round, airtight dome. Into these tubes they pumped air under pressure until each cluster floated. Then it was barged out into the bay and anchored along the bridge right of way.

These clusters were the caissons by which it was proposed to build piers from the surface of the water down to the rock far below, instead of vice versa, as in the old order of things. The caissons resembled giant honeycombs, as they floated about on the water, particularly the large one for the center pier. Sixty tubes were clustered in this caisson.

Between the tubes and the outer shell, tons of concrete were emptied from the barges. The caissons slowly sank. As they touched the water level the round domes were removed, new tubes were welded on top and then pumped full of air

top and then pumped full of air.

Thus, as the bottom of the

Thus, as the bottom of the caisson dropped down into the mud, it was built up on top, and more concrete added. The bottom of the outer wall was a steel cutting edge, a giant knife blade ten feet across. Clam-shell dredging buckets were dropped inside the opened tubes and the mud was scooped out. Hydraulic sprays, dropped through the tubes, sluiced the mud away from the cutting edge.

Sight unseen, this work went on with astonishing precision, on a dozen piers at once. Sight unseen, except for Bill Reed's fingers which were the eyes of the engineers. As the cutting edges sank into the mud, Bill was sent down daily to feel along the edges inside the caisson. With his fingers and his iron pike staff, he examined the foundation conditions.

Pressure down there at the 200-foot depth was terrific, more than 100 pounds to the square inch. To appreciate what that means, if Reed's flesh were caught by accident in a fold in his diver's suit, it sliced the flesh off as if a knife blade had cut him. That happened several times.

Down in the darkness, he could stand it but ten to fifteen minutes at a time. He had to do his work with unerring instinct and lightning speed, then ascend to the forty-foot depth, decompress for a few minutes, to get part of the air bubbles out of his blood stream, then rise to the surface, dash to the iron doctor on the barge, and slowly reduce pressure.

One big caisson, near Yerba Buena island, tilted slowly one day until it looked as though it would topple over. It stopped in time, teetered like an underwater leaning Tower of Pisa. A million dollars worth of concrete and steel hung in the balance.

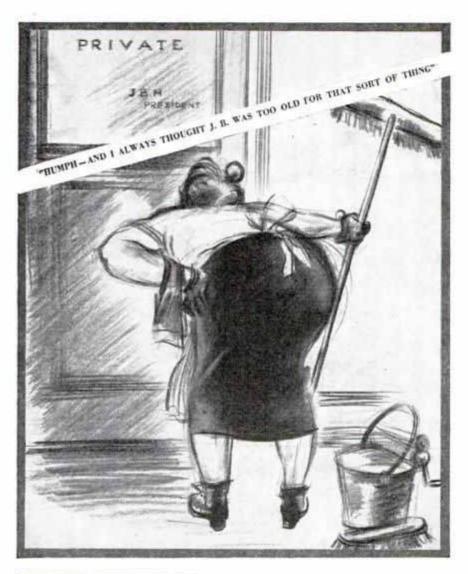
Call for Submarine Inspector Reed. A risky job it was, descending into the tilting tubes to the bottom, to inspect the cutting edge, one side of which had hit a bowlder. Bill Reed took down dynamite, carefully wrapped in waterproof covering, dug a nest for it beside the bowlder, strung the wires to set off the explosive, then returned to his barge. The bowlder blown out of the way, the caisson returned to plumb.

For the first year Reed practically lived in his little barge, alternating between the tiny cabin, his hefty diving suit, and his iron doctor. Sometimes he dived by day, sometimes by night.

There came a day when the concrete crest of the last of the piers piled up above the waves, and the great red steel towers rose high above three of the piers. The "deep money" work was practically done, and Reed could rest on his laurels for a time, knowing that his diving had made possible the caisson method of pier building, which had not only saved years of time and millions of dollars but probably the fate of scores of sand hogs who might have laid down their lives for the bridge, had the usual methods been attempted.

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TREES TELL THE TRUTH

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own design, including instruments for measuring tree increment cores, determining moisture content of lumber, testing the nail-holding capacity of wood, and reckoning the wood-moisture balance of timber.

Just as no two fingerprints are alike, the wood technologists know that no two trees have identical ring markings. If tree-ring markings match point to point in the cut ends of two pieces of wood, the technologists know that the two pieces came from the same piece. In short, that they were once one piece. For duplicate details of tree rings, the experts have found, can belong only to one piece of wood, and only to one place in that piece.

Nature is responsible for this. Each spring when water is plentiful in the soil, the living cells beneath the tree's bark lay down a layer of tubes to carry rising sap. In the summer when the water becomes scarcer and the tree slows its growth rate. a layer of smaller tubes is manufactured. Running lengthwise, these tubes appear as grain in a piece of timber, those laid down in the spring being wider and lighter in color than those formed in the summer.

The cycle of tube manufacture continues year after year and, because of it, the wood experts are not only able to determine the age of a piece of wood, but also, to establish where the tree grew and under what climatic conditions.

Because no two trees manufacture their tubes under precisely the same conditions —there are always slight variations in the water supply and other life experiencesthe cut ends of no two pieces of wood are the same. Always there is a difference in the width of the tubes. Sometimes it is only a tiny difference. So tiny that the human eye would not notice it. But the difference is there just the same and under the microscope it can easily be discerned. When there is no difference, as was the case of the upright in the Lindbergh kidnap ladder and the flooring in the Hauptmann attic, the wood expert knows instinctively that the two pieces of wood were once one.

It was an almost insurmountable task that faced Koehler when he was called upon by the New Jersey state police to trace the yellow pine of the kidnap ladder. But scientist that he is, the task intrigued him. He took the ladder to the forest products laboratory, at Madison, and there he commenced one of the most amazing accomplishments in the realm of scientific detection. He sawed a notch in a rung of the ladder and saved the sawdust. The process was repeated with an upright. The little chips were weighed, the specific gravity was measured and they were bathed in acids, stained with dyes and burned so the ash could be studied.

He took the ladder apart, piece by piece, and reckoned its tensile strength and density. X-rays and enlarging cameras were used, as well as nameless machines invented by Koehler himself. Finally, he learned a certain high-speed planing mill had trimmed the lumber, finishing the surfaces with a grain particularly its own. He circularized some 40,000 mills to learn where such a planer had been used. He made trips to the pine and spruce forests of Oregon, to Great Lakes mills and, eventually, in South Carolina, found a neighborhood mill with a high-speed cutter.

The surfacing done by this plane served Koehler as well as the whorls and loops serve the fingerprint expert. But his travels were not over. They continued until finally he walked into a mill in the Bronx, where Hauptmann had purchased lumber, and found bits of Ponderosa pine planed

by the same unique cutters.

It is not always in crime detection that Koehler and his colleagues employ their expert knowledge. They are called upon in numerous civil actions, and many times their testimony is needed by the federal trade commission in cases of fraudulent misrepresentation. One civil action decided by Koehler's testimony involved two painters who fell from a scaffold when the rung of a ladder broke. It snapped off on both ends where the rung entered the uprights. Both men were injured and brought suit against the manufacturer for damages, claiming the ladder was defective. Koehler subjected the ladder to various tests and testified the break was not due to brittleness, but had been brought about by frequent dropping of the ladder.

Again in a civil suit brought by the city of Cincinnati against a contractor as a result of the collapse of park bleachers, his testimony helped win the suit when he proved the lumber used was not leaf pine, as called for in the specifications.

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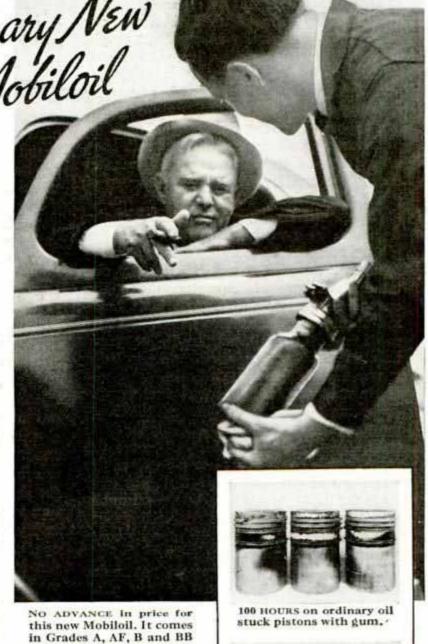
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FLYING THE FOG PATROL

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When a fog patrol plane lands, a weather observer detaches the aerometeorograph, compiles the information it contains and sends it by teletype to the weather bureau at Washington. That same day in your newspaper the weather map gives you a full report of the fog patrol's findings.

"These reports are of great value in providing information concerning current conditions and in giving data that are of great aid in the bureau's forecast work," explains Mr. Gregg. "In order that the data can be readily visualized, they are plotted on special charts, showing the temperature, humidity and other data obtained. Of special importance are the curves that show the extent, both horizontal and vertical, of masses of relatively cold, dry air and other masses of warm humid air. It is along the boundary planes where these differently constituted masses of air meet that most of our stormy weather occurs. The charts showing the temperature and humidity conditions together with the upper-air wind charts, give the forecaster a more complete picture of the structure of the upper air than has ever been available heretofore, but the number of stations where airplane soundings are made is still far too few to give as complete information as is needed."

The fog patrol has been of particular benefit to the commercial airline pilot. Before it started, weather forecasting revealed to commercial pilots only the length and breadth of atmospheric disturbances. The fog patrol has added a third dimension, giving a vertical distribution of weather disturbances. The airtransport pilot needs to know at what level clouds are formed; whether they extend to heights impossible to fly over; whether the clouds are close to the ground; when and where turbulent conditions exist, so that he can avoid them by landing or flying around them; and what effect moun-

tains and other terrain in his vicinity will have on the air masses. It is also necessary to know at what levels smooth air will be found; when and where a pilot may expect to find icing conditions, and where on his route "cold" and "warm" fronts exist. This information can be ascertained by the fog patrol.

The new method of weather prediction resulted in an increase of twenty per cent in completed schedules on one airline, and a forty-per-cent safety factor was added to air transport operations, \$35,000 in operating expenses was saved and on-time schedules increased forty-five per cent.

Science is now assigning an added duty to the pilots of the fog patrol. During the past few months the flying speed of commercial airplanes has gone up. The new Douglas airliners on the Atlantic seaboard run have stepped up from a cruising speed of 125 miles to 185 miles an hour, flying in a fast changing weather territory where tropical air and north Atlantic air masses meet to form the violent storms known along the coast. To maintain such a speedy schedule between New York and Miami, it was necessary for the fog patrol to gather the data to allow meteorologists to forecast fog and weather movements with precision, a fact now being achieved as much as twelve hours in advance.

Capt. Charles W. France, superintendent of operations of Eastern Air Lines, believes the number of completed trips has increased by twenty-five per cent since installation of the air-mass method of weather forecasting and within the next six months, when more details of operation are completed, the airline will be able to fly all schedules giving 100-per-cent operation. So important has the work of the fog patrol and the air-mass analysis method of forecasting become that Dr. R. A. Millikan, the eminent scientist, and Dr. Theodor von Karman, director of the Guggenheim Laboratory and of the Airship Institute at Akron, have established a course of instruction at the institution where men will be trained to meet future demands of aircraft operators. The course will pave the way for a new profession whose members may, when more fog patrol planes have been added to the existing service, be able to route a plane from coast to coast so that only perfect weather conditions will be encountered.



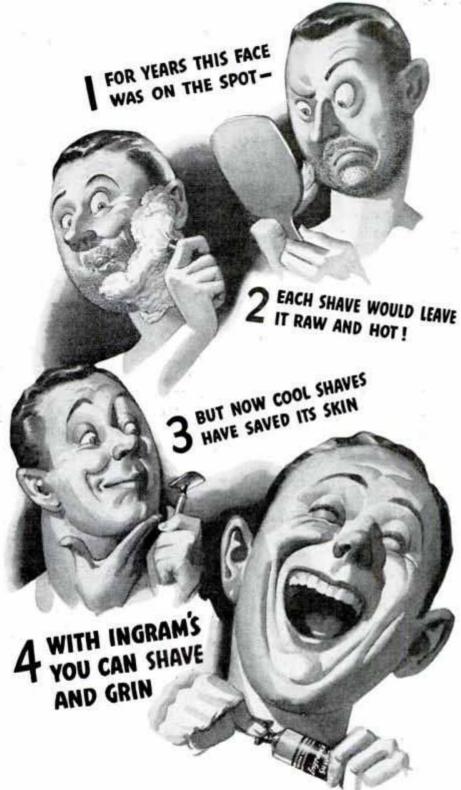
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HOW TO FEED YOUR DOG

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tables in dehydrated form. It is worthy of note that many English dog authorities give their dogs some finely chopped lettuce or chopped cabbage occasionally. One Irish dog breeder and trainer recommends this procedure and always feeds his dogs a small amount of raw green stuff. I do the same thing, especially if my big Labrador seems to have a craving for something green. The lettuce, for example, is chopped very fine. The dog likes it and apparently thrives on it.

If you offer some mashed vegetables to your dog he may refuse them if he is a rather finicky eater. That's not surprising. If a dog hasn't been fed vegetables he may turn up his nose at the first taste, but don't decide that he won't eat vegetables. Take his food dish in which you have placed the meat or whatever you are feeding, and mix a tablespoonful of the mashed vegetables. See that the dog is hungry and he will eat it without much hesitation. At the next feeding increase the amount of vegetables in the combination. You feed a very small amount of vegetables to the puppy even after the pup decides it likes the green stuff.

Now we come to the last classification of foods, the miscellaneous kind. Right at the top is milk. Here is your standby in feeding an eight or ten weeks old pup. It's an almost perfect food containing not only protein and fat, but also mineral salts, carbohydrates and vitamins. Don't let anyone tell you that milk causes worms in dogs. That's another myth which is so ridiculous that it hardly need be mentioned. Every healthy pup needs milk those first weeks he is in the home. He can get milk on cooked cereal, milk on bites of toast, milk with a small amount of canned dog food, milk with biscuit, and in other ways.

Buttermilk also is excellent and cottage cheese is a good food. Raw eggs also stand high in this miscellaneous list. The yolk of an egg is rich is protein, calcium and iron and also has vitamins. The raw white of an egg is not very easy for the dog to digest, so it is a good idea to beat up the eggs. Any mutton broth with barley which might be left over from the table is good for the pup. Beef broth also is good. Cream cheese in moderate amounts is ex-

cellent for your dog, too, after he has grown up.

A valuable adjunct to your dog's diet is cod-liver oil, especially if the pup is acquired in the fall or winter. I usually start with a half or three-fourths of a teaspoonful every other day and gradually increase the amount as the pup grows older. Cooked boned fish is another food that is good for the dog.

The final question concerns the number of times per day that the pup should be fed. A dog eight or ten weeks old should be fed four meals a day. In other words, feed small amounts often. When a dog is three to seven or eight months old, reduce the meals to three a day. After that, feedings twice daily are sufficient. Grown dogs usually do best on a very light meal in the morning and the real meal at night although some owners feed their pets only once a day. I usually give my dogs a light breakfast consisting of dog biscuit and milk, possibly some cooked cereal and milk, or whole-wheat toast, a few dog biscuits, or some similar combination.

There are certain foods which never should be given to a dog. Chicken or rabbit bones are taboo. The same holds true of any small splintery bones which may be swallowed and injure the animal. I do not recommend pork, either. Candy, highly spiced foods, rich pastries, raw potatoes, fried eggs, peanuts, corn, and similar foods are not dog foods.

Many dog owners say their pets seem to like the taste of raw apples and grapes, and fruit in moderation is not harmful to dogs. Every dog I have owned in recent years seemed to like grapes and I have given them a few. My Labrador is fond of apples and is allowed to have one or two small pieces. Bananas that are well ripened may be fed in moderation. The point is—a little raw fruit, although not a staple in a dog's diet, can be eaten by a dog and, in moderation, will not harm him.

Here are a few good general tips on feeding your dog involving procedure rather than individual items in his diet.

Feed your dog in one place only. Train him to expect his food at that place every day. Try to establish a routine of feeding so that the dog is usually fed at the same time each day.

If he doesn't eat all his food, do not (Continued to page 126A)



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INSIDE STORY OF THE RODEOS

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they are really heavier than horses. And they're quick as the wind. Tex Palmer was tossed from a Brahma at Oxnard, Calif. Hardly had he hit the ground before the steer attacked. When the battle ceased, the Brahma had shoved Palmer all around the arena, leaving him bruised and, of all things, with two black eyes.

The only protection the boys have is provided by tipping the horns on the worst animals with round, brass knobs. These may cause considerable pain, but they're not apt to plunge through the body.

I like roping for real scientific precision and action. In team roping, we work in pairs, one rider taking the head, the other the heels. Each of us sits beside the chute, until the steer crosses the "dead line," thirty feet distant. Then we give chase on horses trained to follow the animal.

If I'm playing head man, I toss the first rope. As the loop settles over the steer's head, my horse comes to a dead stop. Quick as a flash, the heeler ropes the steer by the heels, then we move in opposite directions and force him to fall. Then I dismount and tie his heels with a three-foot pigging string, one end tucked in my belt and the other in my mouth.

All we need for roping is a good horse, a sturdy roping saddle and a twenty-five-foot length of seven-sixteenths-inch Manila rope. The pony must be sturdy, very fast and schooled not only to stop from a gallop on a dime, but to back up and keep the rope taut while you tie up the steer. The roping saddle has a low cantle board, which enables the roper to get off quickly and which will stand hard jerks of the lasso which is tied to the pommel.

Bull-dogging has lost favor in some states, while roping has gained. In bull-dogging, the rider leaps from the saddle at a gallop, falls on the steer's head and twists him down by pulling the nose into the air as the cowboy walks backward. Some consider this a cruel practice. In its place, "decorating" is practiced. This is the same, except that the "decorator" slips an elastic band over the animal's nose.

The stars of the rodeo game must keep in fit condition the year round. They train as faithfully as any other athletes, for theirs is a hard lot, and some may appear in thirty rodeos in a year. E | THOW TO FEED YOUR DOG

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leave the pan where he can get at it. He won't starve by not getting a full portion at this meal. Just as it is good for us to go easy on food sometimes when we are not feeling perfectly fit, so it is good for a dog to be underfed sometimes rather than overfed without sufficient exercise.

Don't disturb the dog when he is eating. You may have the most affectionate pet, one that thinks the world of you, but when eating he may feel the old primeval urge that has been inherited from his wild ancestors, and turn on anyone who tries to interfere with his food and his eating. Therefore, don't blame the dog if he snaps or growls at you when you disturb him while he is eating. He can't help it. Wild dogs had to fight for every mouthful of food, hence we have this instinct in our modern dogs.

Don't feed your dog in a dirty, unwashed dish. You want him to be clean and have good manners. You can at least give him a clean food dish.

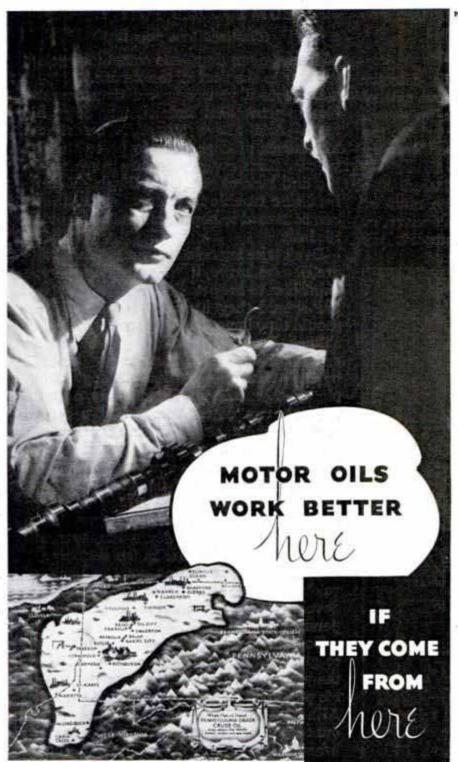
Don't get the idea that a dog likes his meat "ripe" because he buries a bone and then digs it up later. This burying of a bone is another inherited trait from the dog's wild ancestors who were not always sure of having a meal every day. So when they killed an animal they ate their fill and buried what was left for tomorrow's meal.

Don't worry because your dog doesn't chew his meal like you and I masticate our food. Your dog is a gulper and there is nothing you can do about it. He will be healthy if he get's good food even though it is gulped instead of chewed thoroughly. The reason he cannot chew food thoroughly is because his teeth are not made that way. They do not present smooth grinding surfaces.

Don't feed your dog mushy or sloppy foods as a regular diet. It's a good thing to give your dog liquids like milk or broth on some of his food, but don't feed him a "swimming mixture" day after day.

Try to give him smooth bones to chew on—ones that will not splinter and catch in his mouth. If your dog starts to roll his tongue around the roof of his mouth and give signs of distress, examine his mouth for bone splinters. Despite care in the kind

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THE PICTURE ...

THE object at the left is of vital importance to your car. It is a camshaft. Every motor has one. To get the utmost performance from your car, this and other inner working parts must be lubricated by a motor oil that has definite superiorities. And that's where the map comes in...

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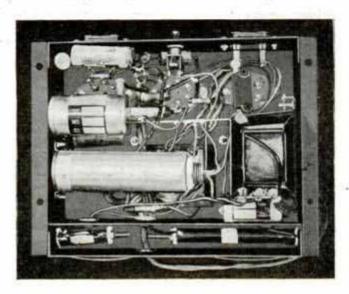


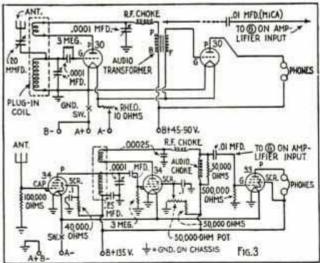
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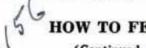
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isolate the plate circuit of the detector tube and bridge this to the input side of the amplifier. The upper hook-up shown in Fig. 3 is a commonly used variety; the second type-30 tube is removed entirely and the G input connection to the amplifier is clipped to the point indicated. The other input amplifier connection must be run to the metal chassis of the receiver, or to B-negative, in order to complete the





circuit. In the 3-tube circuit shown below, the .01 mfd. coupling condenser is already in the circuit, therefore the G connecting lead may be fitted with a small phone-cord tip, instead of a clip, and inserted in the grid hole of the socket from which the output tube is removed. The other input connection is made to the set chassis or B-negative as before and in neither case is it necessary to disturb the wiring of the receiver.



HOW TO FEED YOUR DOG

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of bones given dogs, one sometimes gets a splinter in the roof of the mouth.

Don't feed your dog and then exercise him a great deal immediately after his meal. And above all, don't overfeed. Thousands of dogs have to be treated by veterinarians every year due to overfeeding and lack of exercise. Digestive troubles, skin troubles and other dog ailments can be traced to improper feeding or overfeeding.

Don't take icy cold food from the refrigerator and serve it to your dog, if you want him to keep well. Dogs do not want, nor should they have hot foods. Neither should they have foods that are thoroughly chilled. Don't feed your dog a lot of rich gravies, sauces and other greasy things if he can't take care of them. A dog getting plenty of exercise as, for example, a hunting dog, can digest things that a canine leading a quiet, sedentary life cannot.

Don't feed your dog too much during hot weather. During extremely hot summer weather most of us eat lightly and thrive by doing so. The same holds true of dogs. In the winter when you need more body heat, your dog naturally needs more food than he does in the summer.

Don't let your canine get the habit of raiding garbage cans for food. He may develop a case of ptomaine poisoning if he persists in that habit.

To solve the question of how much food to give, the owner watches two thingsthe amount of flesh that covers the ribs of his pet, and the way the dog eats his food. Although one may prescribe so many ounces or so many pounds for a certain breed, dogs of the same breed differ so much in their food requirements that what will fatten one, keeps another in good shape. So the dog owner must use his own judgment on the amount of food to be given. A dog in good flesh will have his ribs covered but not buried by flesh, a sheen on his coat, and be full of life. A dog that is round like a barrel, slow, sluggish, and not eager for the evening meal is obviously overfed and underexercised.

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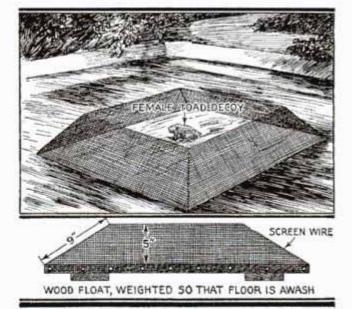
service ceiling of the plane through camouflage by 7,000 feet. At this lower ceiling greater weight can be carried and the plane really looks as if it were at the higher altitude-a fact which fools the anti-aircraft gunners. Bombers are also black-winged for night raiding.

A novel method of hiding war planes, although leaving them ready for instant use, has been developed by a French engineer, Henri Lossier, and Faure-Dujarric, an architect. Their plan is a huge concrete tower with circular housing platforms. These platforms would be covered and divided into crypts, each of which would care for a plane. One hundred or more planes could thus be housed, the planes being lifted to their respective positions by elevators. The planes thus housed would be like great eagles, hidden from view and protected by covering, but ready, at an instant's notice, to attack.

This mass of concrete would be 6,500 feet high. The three platforms enveloping it would be built at 2,000, 4,000 and 6,000 feet. They would project 500 feet out from the side of the column. Runways would be established from them to the center of the column where the planes would be delivered by elevators. The column would be 700 feet in diameter at the base and 130 feet at the top. The great value of such a tower lies in the fact that planes would not need to climb to the respective heights of the platforms before beginning combat.

Future air tactics for the United States call for the concentration of an air fleet at various camps throughout the country, available on instant notice for combat, either defensive or offensive. In event of war, however, the planes would scatter, rendering it impossible for the fleet to be attacked as a whole. Camouflaged, they would rest in some far corner of a commercial field by night, only to rise with the dawn and, hidden by their many colors, to go forth to the attack.

Phantom fleets also are being concealed by governments in underground air bases. There are reports of such a base at Singapore, the orient base of the British navy, and of another at Vladivostok, the great Russian fighting base. Here all the war paraphernalia of the air is kept and secret battle plans are formed.



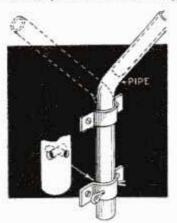
Simple Trap to Catch Toads before They Lay Eggs in Your Fish Pool

Trap to Rid Your Fish Pool of Toads

A fish pool offers an inviting place for a female toad to deposit its eggs, with the result that some pools are soon thickly infested with little black polliwogs that keep the water muddy. Many fish fanciers use varied traps and devices to catch the polliwogs after they have hatched, but if this trap is used, you can often catch the toads before the eggs are laid. The trap is a wood float having sloping sides of screen wire on which the toads climb.

Pipe Makes Folding Flag Bracket

A flag bracket, which may be removed easily, or swung against the side of the house, out of the way, when not in use,



may be made from a length of pipe as shown. The bracket is held in place on the window casing by means of steel clips, the lower clip and the lower end of the pipe being drilled to receive a cotter key, which may be inserted to hold

the pipe either extended, or in position flat against the wall.

To find just where a door is sticking, rub the sides with blue chalk, and then open and close it a few times.

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Distributor Housing

Front Bearing

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Ford owners can also secure a Ford factory-reconditioned generator which is installed for actually less than what it would cost to replace the armature, field coils and brushes



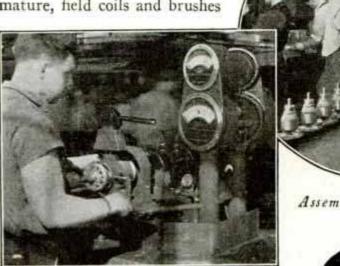
Adjusting Distributor Vacuum Brake on Final Test

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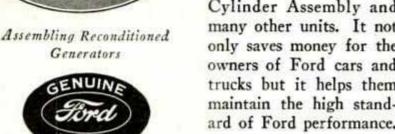
In most cases the armature is new. The rear bearing must measure within the same one-thousandth of an inch limit as a new one or it is replaced. The new bearings are accurately sized in a 4-ton press-an exclusive factory operation. The tapered-roller

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Testing Generator for Current Output



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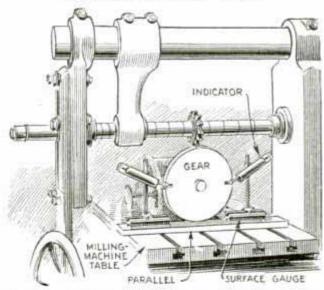
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water and found that the boat from which the diver had been working was attached to the underspan of the bridge and had been lifted up when the bridge raised, spilling the diver's assistants, air pump and equipment into the water. Geagan jumped in, found the lines attached to the diver, and pulled him to the surface. At that moment, the ropes holding the boat suspended broke and the boat, in falling, struck Geagan's outstretched hands, knocking the lines loose. The diver began to sink again and to make matters worse, one of the assistants, still struggling in the water, accidentally kicked and broke the window of the diver's helmet, sinking him like a plummet. Geagan climbed to some piling and dived, but failed to locate the lines. Once more he dived and when almost exhausted, he found the diver, brought him to the surface, swam to a raft, and there helped to pull the unconscious man out of the water. Although dizzy and bleeding from the nose, he alternated with a fellow employe for nearly an hour in applying artificial respiration before the diver regained consciousness.

It is not heroism alone that is recognized with a Vail award. Hazel Haase, chief operator at Clinton, Ind., learned that five bandits had robbed a bank in her town and were making their escape in an automobile with the police in pursuit. She notified the county sheriff and the authorities of all the towns in the direction taken by the bandits' car. Then she broadcast a description of the car to citizens of the countryside and requested them to keep her informed of the bandits' movements. Though the bandits commandeered other cars and frequently changed their course, she immediately relayed such information to the authorities. After a pursuit of more than fifty miles they were surrounded, three of them killed, two captured and the loot was recovered.

Thus the story unfolds daily of these modern Paul Reveres whose voices travel the countryside to warn of impending danger or to bring help where needed. Like modern Horatios, the telephone men and women stick to their posts with fire, crumbling walls, or rising water about them and count it all part of the day's work.

Centralizing a Gear Cutter

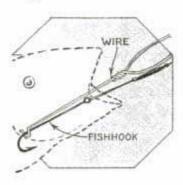


An Accurate Method of Setting Up the Work to Cut Teeth in a Gear Blank

In cutting gears that must run quietly, it is necessary to set the cutter centrally with the blank, which is done easily by the following method: First set the gear blank as close to central as possible by the usual method. Then cut a tooth, but not to the full depth, and rotate the blank 180°, or one half of a turn, using the indexing head for this purpose. Then cut another tooth and rotate the blank 90°, which brings the gear in the position shown. Now check the highest points on the blank of the teeth with an indicator. One half of the difference between the height of opposite teeth is the distance to move the cross slide so the cutter is in the center of the gear.

Simple Fishhook Extractor

Fishermen, who dislike the idea of tearing a swallowed hook from the throat of a



fish, will find this simple extractor a great convenience. It is a piece of stout wire bent as shown, with the end loop bent at right angles to the shaft. By causing this loop to engage the line, and slid-

ing it down to the position indicated, it may be manipulated to disengage the hook.

Screen wire that has eighteen meshes to the inch keeps out mosquitoes and most small bugs.

"The Devil's After Us"

ONE of the most dramatic incidents in the building of the first oil pipe-line from the Pennsylvania Fields to the Seaboard, occurred in the early days of 1880. As the work progressed, sticks, stones and pieces of rope mysteriously appeared in the pipe and stopped the flow of oil. To remove these, a scraper was invented which revolved as the flow of oil forced it through the pipe-line.

Farmers, hearing the rumble of the scraper as it bumped along under their fields, thought the devil was after them. And they

nicknamed it the "Go-Devil". At first, the Go-Devil was an arrangement of leather and sheet iron washers strung on a bolt. The perfected device consisted of a series of revolving knives which loosened and scraped off the dirt and sediment clinging

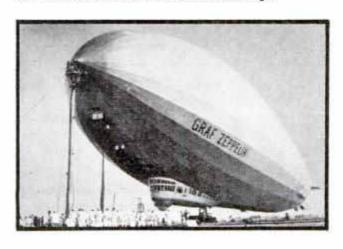


to the pipes. The creation of this instrument was just one of the many achievements of the Tide Water pioneers who built the pipe-line that to this day carries the rich Bradford crude oil that is refined into Veedol, "the world's finest motor oil."

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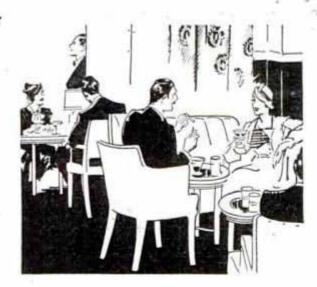
a wreck. Spangler and Jordan were killed. I would have been in the car myself a few seconds later.

Some have called me a clown because I thumb my nose at other cars or offer them cigars as we pass. I do things like that because a race is a long, tough grind and anything I can do to keep my driver cheerful or make him smile now and then, helps our chances of winning. Occasionally I duck under the cowling and light a cigaret for him, or feed him sticks of gum or lemon drops. Toward the end I may reach over and take the wheel going down the backstretch to give him a chance to relax and rest his arms. By the end of a race, our hands are cracked and bleeding, his from gripping the wheel and mine from keeping up fuel pressure with the pump.

Scarcely a minute goes by during a race without my checking the tires, for if one starts to go bad it may last only a few seconds. Usually I can see tire trouble long before the driver feels it with the wheel. You would understand just how much punishment tires receive if you should sit where I have and watch them sliding sideways across the bricks in a turn, with clouds of smoke and sparks shooting up from the rubber on each wheel.

I carry a tin palm for my riding glove with which I can reach out and feel the right rear tire, which gets the most of the punishment, to detect a blister before it gets too large. Now and then the tread pulls away from the casing and I get the first warning of this by watching the tops of the tires. As long as the tire is round across the top all is well, but if it begins to peak up in the middle the tread is pulling off and I nudge the driver and point. That means slow speed and a pit stop. A thin white line down the middle of the tire indicates it is worn down too much for safety. The thin line widens as more of the tire is worn away.

Before every race my driver and I work out some simple gestures so I can let him know when trouble develops and just what the trouble is. Usually a nudge and then a hand pointing to the cause is all that is necessary. Also, we have other signals between the car and the pit that we try to keep secret so the boys in the other pits won't know how we stand.



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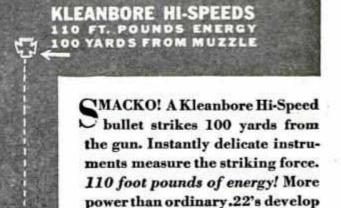




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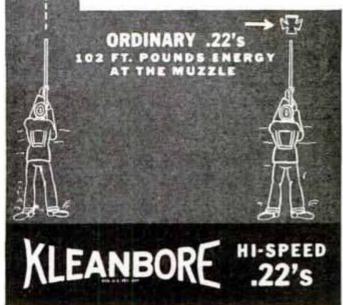


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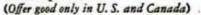
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WHAT PRICE SPEED RECORDS?

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world in seventy-two days and six hours, the cost was figured at less than \$10,000. In 1931, when Wiley Post and Harold Gatty toured the world in less than nine days. the cost was far less than Jules Verne estimated. And there is a good probability that before the end of 1935 anybody with \$2,000 can arrange an air tour of the world in about two weeks.

Although speed records in mechanical locomotion have gone up, there are others which are virtually stationary, although millions have been spent in attempts to better them. While we do not attempt to break the speed record of light, we do try to find out how fast it travels. And the cost of these experiments has gone beyond \$200,000. Dr. Michelson, before he died, spent \$60,000 for a metal tube three feet in diameter and a mile long, with pumps to suck out the air.

The speed of horses has increased only slightly, although millions have been spent in trying to improve it. Thoroughbred racers are worth fortunes because they have great earning capacity. For instance the winnings of "Sun Beau" amounted to more than \$375,000 and those of "Zev" to more than \$300,000. And yet, the speed record of the running horse remains almost stationary at about forty miles per hour.

Both man and the animals are bound by speed limitations. By ingenious breeding, man has developed the fleet greyhound. At his best, the greyhound can touch more than forty miles per hour, while man, at his best, travels about twenty-one miles per hour. A champion walker covers about nine miles an hour. The fastest walker can make a mile in about six minutes. For a hundred-mile race, the champion runner can average only seven and one-half miles per hour. Elaborate and costly training for athletes has not meant any appreciable reduction of previous records.

Swimming is man's slowest form of muscular locomotion. A fast swimmer can go up to four miles an hour for 100 yards, but for a long distance he cannot average better than two miles per hour. Man's best speed records are made in ice skating and roller skating, where the maximum is about twenty-three miles an hour. But on a bicycle, a man has traveled as fast as a

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are in the sides of the ship to enable passengers to have a full view of the panorama. Living quarters are in the interior of the ship. All cabins are windowless, airconditioned, and lighted for comfort.

There is even enough room for certain deck games. Passengers will eat in comfort in a dining room with thirty-eight chairs and equipped with long tilted windows. The living quarters are in two decks, one above the other, connected by a broad staircase. The galley, with its electric stove and other equipment, is on the lower deck. Here also are the bathrooms, steward's office and crew's quarters.

In order to offset the coldness of metal furniture, the public rooms are decorated in soft pleasing colors. Wall paintings show the history and development of the airship, a bird's-eye panorama of the route traveled, and the constellations in both northern and southern hemispheres.

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Clark Howell, chairman of the federal aviation commission, recently pointed to the value of dirigibles in commerce.

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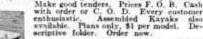
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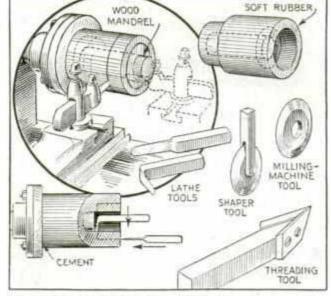
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On first thought, the machining of soft rubber may seem difficult, but it is a comparatively easy task if the right tools are used. The tools shown will be found adequate for ordinary work. The method of setting up the rubber in the lathe will depend on the type of machining to be done, the main idea being to support the rubber so that it will not distort under pressure of the tools. Wood forms are used for this purpose, and their shape varies according to the work at hand. The rubber is cemented to the form, which is attached to the faceplate with a mixture of equal parts of rosin and beeswax melted together. The drawing shows three simple operations in machining a piece of soft rubber in a lathe. Also, this work may be done in a shaper or milling machine. Glycerine is a good cutting fluid for machining rubber, although lard oil, and even soap and water are sometimes used.-Charles Kugler, Philadelphia, Pa.

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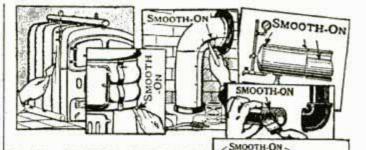
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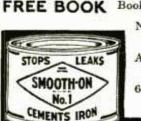
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The station at Midway island will be stocked with 2,500 pounds of frozen meats and a like quantity of smoked meats, 500 pounds of chicken, 700 pounds of butter, 450 dozen eggs, and canned goods sufficient to stock a grocery store. The heavy cargo of the "North Haven" includes Diesel engines for power plants, radio poles, lumber, floodlights, 1,000-gallon fuel tanks, anchors, car wheels, cable, wire, paints, screens, carpenter tools, and plumbing equipment.

For the amusement of the staffs at the airway bases, the "North Haven" carries baseball outfits, tennis balls, chess, checkers, and puzzles. Each air base will have long and short wave receivers. Each canteen will be stocked with sundries, cigarets, candles, shaving equipment, chewing gum, sunburn cream, shoe polish, writing paper, and toilet articles. The "North Haven" also carries full kitchen equipment, and prefabricated parts for the small buildings necessary to each station.

Both for recreation and food, the personnel on the islands will take up gardening. They will add to the variety of their diet, raising such staples as coconuts, celery, cauliflower, cabbage, beets, squash, tomatoes, lettuce, onions, cucumbers, peas and spinach. Seeds for these plants will be delivered by the supply ship.

It is expected that the "North Haven" and her construction crew will complete their initial work of establishing the bases in less than 100 days. According to present plans, the ship will return to the United States by the end of July. After that, the air bases and clipper ships will be ready for the first experimental flights.

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The second cargo stop for the "North Haven" was Wilkes island. The third stop was Guam. A crew of five men has already been assigned to work at the Philippine air base. On the return trip from Guam, the "North Haven" deposited the supplies and provisions necessary to operate the island bases.

The amazing speed of establishing these bases was possible only because everything had been planned and calculated in advance. The designs of all structures had been reduced to blueprints, which governed the construction of every detail. A typical island air base has a shallow lagoon protected against high waves, and is ample in size to accommodate a nineteenton flying clipper. The ship will be moored to a dock, enabling the passengers to walk ashore. As one steps ashore, the underground fuel storage tanks will be on the right. Then one passes the power house. Beyond that is the radio transmitter. At a still greater distance beyond will be the transmitter of the radio direction-finder.

Going toward the main part of the island station, one sees a group of white frame buildings on concrete piers. On the right is the radio receiving station, with the office of the airport opposite it. Further along, and arranged around a circle, are staff quarters, consisting of a house for the seaport's manager, and sleeping quarters for the crews of incoming clipper ships. Outside the circle of staff houses, one sees the kitchen and servants' quarters.

The staff of each base consists of a seaport manager, a radio officer and assistants, a chief mechanic and two mechanic's helpers, and five men in the service staff; cook, steward, mess boy and two cabin boys. On Wilkes island, there will be, besides those mentioned, a staff physician.

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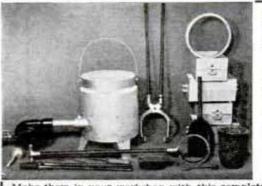
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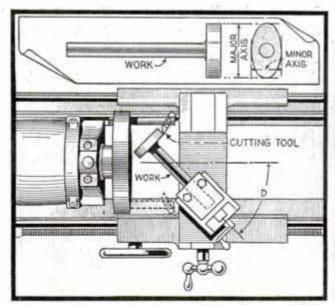
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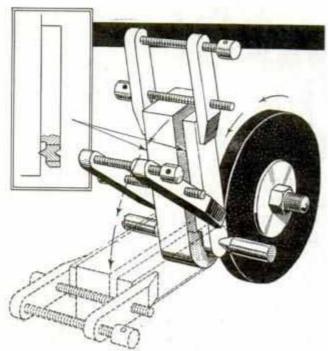
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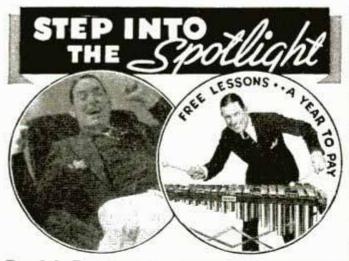
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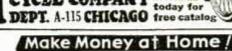
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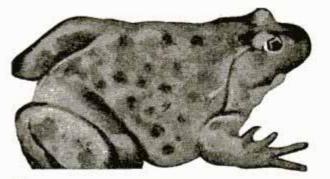
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